

The Brauns of Osterwick

Mr. and Mrs. Jakob Braun

FOREWORD

The purpose of this writing has been to lift a small corner of the veil from the conditions under which the Jakob Braun family and their descendents have come during the past century. This has been accomplished quite inadequately. There are too many areas left unanswered. Three types of information have been employed for this purpose: 1. genealogical tables; 2. brief biographical sketches; 3. editorial contributions from all who responded to the invitations. A liberal sprinkling of photographs has been added for emphasis.

Information has been gleaned from the small number of family records, diaries, journals, documents, school registers, church records, newspapers and personal letters available. The passing of the first, the second and the oldest members of the third generations has greatly curtailed the information obtainable on the harrowing experiences, but now very interesting information, on the pioneering years.

The paucity of such material may be due to numerous factors, the least of which would likely not be the hesitancy of people to do some writing. Moreover what was written, was too often not preserved. This was regretfully demonstrated by the church secretary who consigned the old church register to the flames when a new one had to be purchased. Since whole families so frequently migrated from the old world to the new, there was likely less cause for letter-writing, removing an important reason for recording family joys and sorrows.

More time and money for research may unearth further pertinent material on our family. If this present effort should produce that result it will not have been in vain. This is not to say that more thorough interpretation of what's available now would not help to round out the story.

Recognition of and acknowledgement for help given is due many.

The members of the planning committee involved in the Braun Family Reunion at the Stanley Centennial Park August 1, 1971, all deserve special mention for their helpful suggestions, advice and encouragement that they individually and collectively provided during the two years this volume has been in preparation. Their willingness to attend meetings, to host meetings and to perform numerous chores was always much appreciated. The willingness of all family members to complete questionnaires on family data and to provide pictures alone made it possible to proceed with the preparation of this family history, incomplete as it is.

One apology: There probably never has been a family register where every branch and twig was given the same space and prominence. Maybe it would be unfair to do so. The differences in the information received here have made it quite impossible to devote equal attention to

all. Briefly stated these contributions varied from excellent to nil. Some families provided pictures, statistical details and stories because they had heard of the project from relatives. Others provided the statistics and in a few cases even after personal contacts, letters and telephone calls provided neither. The mass of material in this volume indicates that generally the responses have been adequate.

Particularly appreciated have been the many helpful suggestions on matters to be included so as to make the account as complete as possible. Here I gratefully acknowledge especially the kind encouragement and criticism of Mr. Peter J. Brown, Winnipeg, and of Mr. Frank Brown, Winkler, for the submission of much invaluable information and rare original documents including the "round" letter invitation to Grandfather Jakob Braun's funeral. I want to thank Mr. Peter Warkentin of Haskett for having preserved all these years a copy of the financial statement of our grandfather's estate.

Then I am also deeply indebted to Mr. and Mrs. Martin Wiebe of the Village of Blumenfeld, the present custodians of the Osterwick Old Colony Church register, for making this source of family history available to me.

The aim here has been to be factual, to emphasize the positive and to ferret out all the facts. For anything that does not measure up to this principle, I apologize.

Peter Brown,
October 1, 1972.

CHAPTER I

IN TRAVAIL

The Chinese have a saying that a journey of a thousand miles has to start with one step. The story of the Jakob Braun and Maria Fast family began long before 1834. Genealogically the origin will likely remain obscure. Spiritually and emotionally it began with the beliefs of the early Anabaptists, known in the Lowlands of Europe as the "Dooptgesinde." The members of this movement believed in adult baptism upon confession of their faith in Jesus Christ, non-participation in military activities and affirmation in legal proceedings. Menno Simons of Witmarsum left the Catholic Church in 1536 and became the leader of this group. In 1545 the followers of Simons in the Netherlands were nicknamed Mennonites in derision by their opponents and it has become the official name of the religious sect.

The severe persecution of this sect by the established church in Switzerland, led to the virtual extinction of the movement in most of the cantons of that country. Many found safety in flight. Some found refuge with their fellow-believers in the low coastal regions of Holland where there was comparative safety from the Duke of Alva's men.

The preponderance of Dutch and Low German names among the Mennonites that fled eastward across northern Europe to the Vistula River Basin shows that these people are generally speaking of north European stock. That the name "Mennonite" has stuck with them merely shows that Menno Simons was a good organizer. It proves once again that one man with a strong enough conviction can really make a difference.

Their refusal to render military service in Holland as well as their general material well-being presently aroused the displeasure and actual envy of their Dutch compatriots which led to their expulsion by the Dutch authorities.

Their knowledge of and skill in diking and draining low lying lands acquired in the Netherlands now enabled them to change the Vistula basin lands of East Prussia into a veritable gardenland. The rapid increase in prosperity of immigrants has a tendency to arouse discontent among the natives who have never learned to maximize the natural resources of their possessions. The newcomers gradually acquire an ever larger stake in their new surroundings and thereby incur the displeasure of the former owners. Add to this the short memories that national leaders have about privileges granted prospective desirable immigrants by previous governments and we have the real root causes of the Mennonites becoming suspect neighbors who may be persecuted with immunity.

Upon receipt of a generous offer from Tsarina Catherine II in 1786 a large movement was soon underway from the harsher Danzig region into the much warmer and very fertile lands north of the Black Sea along the Dnieper River in South Russia. Here the Dutch and Low German Mennonites had an opportunity to live according to the principles of their faith in almost complete segregation. The frugality and industry of the Mennonites' industry and farming-know-how applied to the natural productivity of this region converted the area into one of the major bread baskets of the Czar's domain. The freedom from the wastages of wars coupled with the fecundity of a well-fed rural population soon saw the Mennonites of South Russia inhabiting a large portion of this very fruitful region. Scores of well-laid-out villages soon dotted the landscape. Substantial dwellings lined the village streets. Large barns connected by a breeze-way to the living quarters occupied the backyards and housed good livestock. Roads joined the villages and elementary schools provided both secular and religious instruction. Indeed, the Mennonite brotherhood literally functioned as an independent state and contributed substantially to the economic development of Russia. Cheap labor was available and the colony prospered.

This cheap labor supply soon saw the Mennonites in managerial positions as employers. The old maxim that one man cannot make many rich but that many men can make one man rich was demonstrated again and again. This could have only one result. The Russian laborer was unschooled. He was the menial hired hand. He did not share in the general affluence. A "Landlose" class appeared in the Mennonite group.

This was the situation in 1872 when the Imperial Russian government decided to withdraw the special privileges granted the Mennonites a hundred years previously. With the threat of military service, the cancellation of freedom in the education of their children, the expectation that the German language would have to give way to the Russian, and concern, apprehension, fear and dread gripped the people.

Accommodation or persecution became the hard choice of the prosperous Mennonite settlement. Their prosperity had once more focused attention upon them. Neither their neighbors, the government nor the Czar favored the continuation of these special privileges that had drawn them away from Prussia four generations previously.

They had had to make this choice in Switzerland, in Holland, and in the Danzig delta region. Where could they go now? We humans are so prone to take full credit onto ourselves when the hard decisions we have to make turn out well. It would be in order for us to wait upon the Lord and consider how divine guidance has directed all the events in a situation so that everything turns out advantageously. The prospect of finding a large tract of land suitable for settlement seemed quite

remote. There did not seem to be any likelihood of finding such land in Eurasia. The North American Indians were reported to be "Menschenfresser", which made North America undesirable. Hence when Czar Alexander issued a manifesto granting certain religious freedoms and substituting a form of forestry service in place of the military service, the more prosperous members of the Mennonite community decided to stay with their flesh-pots in their fatherland.

However, a minority group apparently felt once bitten twice shy was a good policy and decided that this latest concession of the Russian authorities would surely be of temporary duration. They had heard fabulous reports about America. They were determined to obtain information about the New World themselves.

It so happened that there was in the Mennonite brotherhood a certain Cornelius Janzen¹ who had served as a German Consul and consequently was familiar with the procedure of obtaining reliable advice and reports through diplomatic channels. Janzen contacted the British government in regards to settlement possibilities in the British overseas possessions. The British government already knew something about the Mennonites for during the sixteenth century Protestant England had welcomed the Anabaptists and Mennonites who were being driven from Holland to seek shelter in England because of their skill in weaving. Through them England actually underwent a great industrial revolution.² The eastern counties of England literally swarmed with Dutch artisans and refugees. But while the English were favorably disposed toward these refugees from the Spanish Inquisition, the British government did not want to become involved in the exodus of these people from Russia nor in their settlement in Canada for two valid reasons. The Russian government would have to agree to their departure and the government of the newly-established Dominion of Canada would have to indicate its willingness to admit them.

For the Mennonite group in Russia interested in the migration the difficulties seemed well nigh insurmountable. There were simply too many poor people involved. The great distance, the ocean crossing, the savage Indians, the dense woods all loomed so large. Yet the fabulous development of the United States aroused the keenest interest in the venture.

Through William Hespeler, a friend of the Mennonites, contact was made with the Canadian authorities. Hespeler was asked to visit the Mennonites in South Russia. There he suggested that the Mennonites should send a delegation to Canada at the expense of the Canadian government to seek out a tract of land suitable for a large settlement. This was done in the spring of 1873. Rev. Heinrich Wiebe and Reeve

¹ Klaas Peters, *Die Bergthaler Mennoniten*, M.B. Publishing House, Hillsboro, Kansas, p. 7.

² A. Buhr, *Who Are the Mennonite*, Page 6.

Jakob Peters were chosen. Delegates from other Mennonite groups were Cornelius Toews, David Klassen, Leonard Suderman, Wilhelm Ewert and Paul and Lohrenz Teschetter. William Hespeler was spokesman and tour guide for the delegation. Together they visited the vast American central plains region from Manitoba to Texas and back again.

In Manitoba ample land was available in solid blocks for isolation settlement both east and west of the Red River of the north. In the central states every other section was railway property which was available at a price. Railway service was well developed in the United States, it and the mild climate there were definite advantages.

Wiebe, Peters, Toews and Klassen decided to accept the offer of free land in Manitoba while the other members of the delegation chose the more hospitable southern region for the people they represented.

The report of Peters and Wiebe about a free quarter section homestead for every male adult of eighteen and another 160 acres available at one dollar per acre, control of their own schools and freedom from military service was received enthusiastically. Preparations for emigration were soon underway. Many things had to be taken care of. Emigration passes had to be secured. Arrangements for the sale of farmsteads had to be made. Clothing, household effects, tools, seed, food had all to be readied for the arduous trip.

Since the departure of such a large number of people at one time would multiply the problems immensely, it was early agreed to spread the emigration over three years. The first group would leave in 1874, the second in 1875 and the third and last in 1876. Even the annual groups were broken up into separate parties which were to follow one another at intervals of several days.

THE EXODUS FROM RUSSIA

The piety of the Mennonite emigrants and their apprehension about the hazardous 6,000 mile combined land and sea journey ahead for them in their desire to escape from the threat of military service for their young men and the exposure to the worldly power of Russia, is starkly revealed by the writings of ¹ Johann Wiebe who made the trip in 1875 with the hardy souls that left the Chortitza Colony June 3 that year and arrived at Dufferin in Manitoba six weeks later. The Osterwick Braun pioneers belonged to this group. Wiebe's report on "Our Trip from Russia to America" is revealing. He begins his story with a beautiful prayer:

"May the redeeming grace of God and the peace of Jesus Christ be richly multiplied in all believers through faith in Jesus Christ, His dear

¹ Johann Wiebe, type written sheets in the German language, in the possession of Frank Brown, Winkler, and translated by Peter Brown.

Son, and may we be cleansed in His blood of all our sins that henceforth we may walk blamelessly before Him in His love to praise and honor Him from henceforth through all eternity. Amen.”

Despite their firm faith in God and His love, Wiebe wrote “Many were beset with fear and doubt at the prospect of going to an unknown waste possibly harboring fierce animals and savage people.” Their friends and neighbors who had remained in Russia were always ready to alarm and frighten them with the prospect of starving for lack of food. “However”, Wiebe adds, “we were not deterred by all this knowing full well ‘that all things work together for good to them that love God.’ ” Romans 8:28

“We boarded the ship Tuesday, June 3, at 10:00 A.M. as prayers ascended and tears flowed,” he says, and points out that both prayers and tears are pleasing to God “when they come from a contrite heart.” Tears show a sinner’s heart has been touched and that the Saviour wants to enter in for “Christ is ever ready to cleanse and purify and sanctify the heart.”

Comparing the fate of the early Christians with their own lot at this time Wiebe writes “some suffered mockery and flogging, chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, dismembered and put to the sword. They went about in sheep and goat pelts, in want and in sorrow and in grief did they go into deserts and on the mountains, in caves and in holes in the earth.” Heb. 11:36. Compared with that he adds, “Our flight has been easy and comfortable albeit it caused grief and sorrow.” since “many had to leave father and mother behind, or the parents left their children.” “Lord, be with us. Thy will be done. God be merciful to us sinners,” they prayed as they went aboard.

They made Cherson by 5:30 that afternoon. A child of one of the families died there. It was buried immediately at 8 A.M. Next morning they left for Odessa which they reached before sundown. On June 7 they left for Paderwaltschinsh at 10:00 A.M. and at 8 P.M. Sunday they reached it well and happy. They made Mislawitz at 7:45 P.M. and at 6 A.M. they were in Berlin. By 11 A.M. Wednesday they were in Hamburg where they rested for two days. On Friday June 13, they crossed the North Sea to Hull which they reached Sunday June 15 at 3 P.M. and the following day they made Liverpool. Early Thursday morning a small ferry steamer took them to the large ocean liner. By midnight they and their few possessions were all aboard the liner and they had only one wish: “that we might soon be across.” Wiebe cites their fervent prayer on this occasion: Dear merciful and gracious God and Father if it be Thy holy will take us safely across, be merciful to us, forgive us all our sins for Jesus’ sake and remember our sins no more. Life and death are in Thy hand. Amen.

Friday, June 20 the ship suffered a severe jolt. They had rammed an iceberg. The crew was alarmed. They investigated everything and in half an hour they were underway again with a favorable breeze and fine weather. A week later they were becalmed in a dense fog and lay to. Saturday they were underway once more.

“This day,” Wiebe reports, “our passenger list increased by one. Jacob Neudorf’s wife was delivered of a baby boy. “God be praised. Lord God Almighty and Father, your ways are unsearchable. He doth keep and does not permit our foot to be moved. Ps. 66.”

With God’s help they had crossed the ocean by July 1st, at sunrise and they praised the Lord with a hymn of praise:

Nun danket alle Gott,
Mit Herzen, Mund und Händen,
Der grosse Dinge tut,
An uns and allen Enden. usw.

They had been at sea twelve days. By six o’clock next morning they were in Montreal. “Hence we were served hot tea, fried potatoes and beef for breakfast,” Wiebe recalled, and five hours later they were on their way to Toronto which they reached by six the following morning. On July 4, they reached Berlin and on Friday they were in Aexania where they took ship for Duluth, 815 miles away, which they reached Tuesday at 7 P.M. Wednesday at 2 P.M. they entrained for Moorhead 253 miles to the west which distance they covered by Thursday at 4 in the afternoon. “That same evening we left for Manitoba, 150 miles down river by steamer,” according to Johann Wiebe, “and early Monday morning we reached the immigration sheds at Dufferin a few miles north of the International Boundary.”

“What a joy it was to see many of our brothers and sisters in Christ, friends who had preceeded us by a few weeks in our pilgrimage to the promised land,” Wiebe said.

The earlier arrivals, apparently, were not so happy. They were already singing doleful dirges. The new arrivals, however, were happy and thanked God for their safe passage. Warm handshakes, kisses and best wishes were exchanged.

“Yes, we felt the Lord had helped us wonderfully well and He would surely keep us further, support us and take us to His eternal home in His good time. Amen, Amen.” was the universal sentiment heard all around.

Johann Wiebe expressed it appropriately. Many of us now prayed with the poet who sang enthusiastically:

Der ewig reiche Gott
Woll uns bei unserem Leben
Ein immer friedlich Herz
Und edlen Frieden geben
Und uns in seiner Gnad
Erhalten fort und fort
Und uns aus aller Not
Erlösen hier und dort.

INVITED TO COME TO CANADA

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

**Immigration Branch,
Ottawa, 23rd July, 1873.**

Gentlemen,

I have the honour under the instructions of the Hon: the Minister of Agriculture, to state to you in reply to your letter of this day's date the following facts relating to advantages offered to settlers, and to the immunities afforded to Mennonites, which are established by the Statute Law of Canada and by Orders in Council, for the information of German Mennonites having intention to emigrate to Canada from Hamburg.

1. An intire exemption from any Military Service is by law and Order in Council granted to the denomination of Christians called Mennonites.

2. An Order in Council was passed on the 3rd March past to reserve eight Townships in the Province of Manitoba for free grants on the condition of settlement, as provided in the Dominion Lands Act, that is to say "any person who is the head of a family, or has attained the age of 21 years, shall be entitled to be entered for one quarter section or a less quantity of unappropriated Dominion Land, for the purpose of securing a homestead right in respect thereof."

3. The said reserve of eight Townships is for the exclusive use of the Mennonites, and the said free grants of one quarter section to consist of 160 acres each, as defined by the Act.

4. Should the Mennonite settlement extend beyond the eight Townships set aside by the Order in council of March 3rd last, other Townships will be in the same way reserved to meet the full requirements of Mennonite immigration.

5. If next spring the Mennonite settlers on viewing the eight Townships set aside for their use, should prefer to exchange them for any other eight unoccupied Townships, such exchange will be allowed.

6. In addition to the free grant of a $\frac{1}{4}$ section or 160 acres to every person over 21 years of age on the condition of settlement, the right to purchase the remaining $\frac{3}{4}$ of a section at \$1.00 per acre is granted by law so as to complete the whole section of 640 acres, which is the largest quantity of land the Government will grant a Patent for to one person.

7. The settler will receive a Patent, for a free grant, after three years residence, in accordance with the terms of the Dominion Lands Act.

8. In the event of the death of the settler the lawful heirs can claim the Patent for the Free Grant upon proof that settlement duties for three years have been performed.

9. From the moment of occupation, the settler acquires a "homestead right" in the land.

10. The fullest privilege of exercising their religious principles is by law afforded to the Mennonites, without any kind of molestation or restriction whatever; and the same privilege extends to the education of their children in schools.

11. The same privilege of affirmation instead of making affidavits is afforded by law.

12. The Government of Canada will undertake to furnish Passenger Warrants from Hamburg to Fort Garry for Mennonite families of good character, for the sum of \$30.00 per adult person over the age of 8 years; for persons under 8 years half-price, or \$15.00; and for infants under one year, \$3.00.

13. The Minister specially authorizes me to state that this arrangement as to price shall not be changed for the seasons 1874, 1875, and 1876.

14. I am further to state that if it is changed thereafter the price shall not, up to the year 1882 exceed \$40.00 per adult and children in proportion subject to the approval of Parliament.

15. The immigrants will be provided with provisions on the portion of the journey between Liverpool and Collingwood; but during other portions of the journey they are to find their own provisions.

I have the honour to be, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

John Lowe,

Secretary of Department of Agriculture.

Messrs: David Klassen
Jacob Peters
Heinrich Wiebe
Cornelius Toews
Mennonite Delegates from Southern Russia.

THE SEVENTY-FIVERS

Mennonites from Chortitza Gemeinde, Russland, who came to Manitoba in 1875 as given to the Genealogical Centre of Bethel College Historical Library — Corn. Krahn, July 15, 1875.¹

Name	Souls	Adults	Paid
Heinrich Wiebe	10	7	39.62
John Wiebe (leader)	10	6½	56.74
Peter Martens	2		11.32
Peter Dueck	2	2	11.32
David Quiring	2	2	11.32
Gerhard Blatz	2	2	11.32
Isaac Janzen	3	2½	14.13
Cornelius Giesbrecht	3	2	11.32
Jacob Peters	8	5	28.30
Jacob Fehr	6	4½	25.47
John Giesbrecht	5	2½	14.15
Witwe Harms	6	2½	14.15
Jacob Dueck	4	2	11.32
Abraham Friesen	3	2	11.32
Jacob Neudorf	5	3	16.98
Peter Wall	5	3	16.98
John Loewen	4	2	11.32
Isaac Fehr	2	2	11.32
Anna Janzen	1	1	5.66
John Martens	3	3	16.98
Isaac Bergen	6	5½	31.13
Wilhelm Peters	6	4½	25.47
Aaron Neisteter	4	3½	19.81
Benjamin Fehr	8	7½	42.45
John Ens	4	4	22.64
Abraham Friesen	7	7	29.62
Franz Peters	8	5	28.30
Eisbrand Peters	5	4	22.64
John Wall	6	2½	14.15
Isaac Bergen	6	2½	14.15
Jacob Ginter	5	3	16.90
Jacob Goertzen	7	6	33.96
Jacob Neufeld	8	7	39.62
Wilhelm Friesen	8	4½	25.47
John Dueck	9	5½	31.13
Gerhard Goertzen	8	5	28.30
Peter Friesen	7	6½	36.79
Klaas Wall	8	5½	
Jacob Braun	11	7	29.62
Cornelius Wall	6	5½	31.13
Franz Janzen	5	5	28.30

¹ Bethel College Historical Library — Dr. C. Krahn.

Wilhelm Dueck	7	4½	25.47
John Mueller	5	5	28.30
John Sawatzki	5	5	28.30
John Loewen	9	5	28.30
Henry Friesen	6	5½	21.13
Cornelius Wall	8	6	55.96
Dietrich Rempel	9	6	38.96
Franz Harder	2	2	11.32
Martin Klassen	10	6½	56.79
Henry Peters	4	2	11.32
Franz Bergen	5	2	Levi Staelffer
John Niesen	9	4½	P. Reist
Diedrich Rempel!	9	5½	J. Moyers
Peter Friesen	10	8	
Cornelius Giesbrecht	6	5	
Abram Wiebe	9	4	
Helena Klassen	1	1	
Jacob Redekopp	6	2½	
Abram Giesbrecht	7	2½	
John Wolfe	9	5½	
Peter Giesbrecht	9	6½	
Herman Heide	8	5½	
Isbrand Friesen	6	5½	
Franz Peters	8	5	
Peter Hamm	10	6½	
Jacob Klassen	8	5	
Cornelius Krahn	5	3	
Peter Peters	8	6	
John Janzen	5	4½	
Herman Neufeld	6	3	
Claus Peters	6	5	
Aaron Dueck	11	5	
Abram Knellson	11	5½	
Peter Wiebe	7	2	
John Wiebe	5	2	
Franz Peters	2	1	
Peter Bartsch	2	2	
John Peters	4	3	
Herman Neufeld	4	3	
Jacob Hildebrand	8	6	
David Neufeld	5	2	
Jacob Bartsch	3	2½	
Peter Peters	13	7½	
Jacob Unger	10	5	
Jacob Dueck	11	7½	
Peter Hamm	8	4	
Johann Peters	2	2	
Peter Drieger	9	6½	
John Peters	6	5½	
Jacob Hamm	2	2	

Witwe Jacob Wall	5	4	
Gerhard Janzen	8	7	
John Braun	3	3	
Peter Duerksen	5	4	
Corn. Tiessen	3	2	
Jacob Banman	10	6½	
Franz Classen	2	2	
Gerhard Dueck	8	3	
Cornelius De Fehr	2	2	
Peter Braun	4	2	
Gerhard Ens	9	6	
David Nikkel	8	7	
Jacob Dueck	10	6½	
Jacob Wiebe	6	3½	
John Redekopf	3	2	
Aaron Peters	5	3	16.98
John Penner	5	2½	14.13
Franz Janzen	6	2½	14.13
Jacob Gerbrand	3	3	16.98
Gerhard Rempel	7	3½	19.81
Henry Goertzen	8	5	28.30
Jacob Boschman	5	5	28.30
Henry Hildebrand	8	4	22.64
Solomon Duerksen	2	2	11.32
Henry Teichrow	2	2	11.32
Bernhard Wiebe	12	8	45.28
Witwe Susan Goertzen	6	2½	14.13
Jacob Froese	5	4	22.64
Witwe Esau	3	3	16.98
John Funk	5	2	11.32
Peter Rempel	4	4	
Jacob Sawatzki	5	4	22.64
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David Engbrecht	1	1	5.66
Anna Beckert	1	1	
Henry Winter	4	2	

Received from Kortitza Colony arrived July 21, \$2051.

FROM DUFFERIN TO OSTERWICK

In this narrative we are primarily concerned with the Jacob Braun family, their fortunes and their disappointments. However, since the first two generations and also all but a few oldsters of the third generation are no longer with us, important details are often lacking or they have become a matter of conjecture. This applies particularly to their first journey from Fort Dufferin, located three miles down river from Emerson, to the area close to the Pembina Hills where they presently homesteaded.

Available records¹ show that almost a thousand immigrants, including the eleven members of the Braun family, from the Chortitza Gemeinde in South Russia, arrived here on July 15, 1875. They came mainly by the H.B.Co's steamship, International, a stern wheeler, that this company had been operating on the Red River since 1861. Free traders also operated boats on the Red. These included the Pioneer, the Manitoban, the Minnesota, the Selkirk, the Dakota, the North West Swallow and others.

Some of the 1875 immigrants had purchased oxen, wagons and other supplies at Fargo-Moorhead; others had done so at Grand Forks. At Dufferin both oxen and horses should have been available. The International Boundary Commissioners had completed their work through the Red River Valley in 1873. When they broke camp they left behind "sixty stout ponies at Dufferin for the use of the Royal North West Mounted Police in 1874".² At the same time since the Boundary Commissioners had been guarded by United States cavalry, there were probably surplus horses there also. It should be remembered that the retail merchants at Mountain City, Nelsonville, Stephen and at other points farther west, were serviced by commercial travellers. These men travelled by stage coach. There was also mail service from Emerson westward. This included Stodderville. It becomes apparent then that these first Mennonite immigrants for the West Reserve could have travelled in different ways including their own oxen conveyances or mares-shanks.

Since the Town of Emerson was likely the only market place for the Mennonite pioneers of the West Reserve until the Deloraine Branch of the C.P.R. was completed it is of some interest to know what this town had to offer the first settlers of the open plains. We are indebted to the members of the Women's Institute of Emerson¹ who have thrown some light on this matter. In 1928 they published a fairly comprehensive account of what the conditions were in their town in the year 1882.

"Henerson's directory for 1882 lists 315 names of men earning a living in Emerson. There were at that time 3 tinsmiths, 9 carpenters, 7

¹ History of Emerson — Emerson Women's Institute.

contractors, 6 painters, 15 clerks, 9 harness makers, 2 photographers, 4 gardeners, 3 jewellers, 3 druggists, 2 dentists, 2 doctors, 1 wagon maker, 22 surveyors, 2 auctioneers, 4 bakers, 3 tailors, 2 milliners. There were 5 good hotels, 2 banks, 3 livery and feed stables, 2 lumberyards, 1 grist mill, 3 general stores, (one owned by Enoch Winkler). The Mennonites outfitted themselves in Winkler's store since he could speak the language. In a new country, especially in bad weather, it was not always easy to follow the road westward. Hence the Mennonites marked it with posts. Thus the Post Road, one mile north of the boundary, was named."

The members of the Emerson W.I. report a few other pertinent facts from that time in history.

"The first traffic bridge over the Red River was opened in 1880. In 1878 the C.P.R. built a railway from Emerson to St. Boniface. The single fare to St. Boniface was \$3.25.

This with temporary river traffic provided a market for the Mennonite Reserve. The "International," a H.B.Co. stern wheeler, along with free traders' boats operated along the Red since 1861."

"Downstream the trip took 9 to 10 hours and the return trip upstream from 12 to 14 hours. The fare was \$2.50.

"In 1879 the "International" advised that the boat trip to Winnipeg was more pleasant than by train because even if it took longer one arrived in downtown Winnipeg and in daylight whereas the train deposited its passengers at the St. Boniface station at night after the ferry boats had stopped running and small boats had to be hired to cross the river."

The report on West Lynne in this history is equally interesting. It states that West Lynne "had some fine stores, 4 general stores, a weekly newspaper, post office, 1 hotel, 2 churches, 1 school and grain warehouses. A large amount of grain was purchased here."

¹ History of Emerson, page 7, Women's Institute of Emerson, assisted by Mrs. W. G. Forrester, 1928.

CHAPTER II

TAKING ROOT IN CANADA

Stories are still told of the original founding of the Village of Osterwick. Steamers plied the Red River between Moorhead and Fort Garry one hundred years ago. Dufferin was the point of disembarkation for these staunch settlers and it was also the final lap of the six-weeks journey for them. The Canadian government subsidized that portion of the trip from Hamburg to Fort Garry. After Dufferin they were on their own. Little is known on how they actually reached the higher western slopes of the Red River Valley.

But it is known that in late summer of 1875, nineteen families had bivouacked on the quarter section on which the Canadian Customs office is today located north of the International Boundary on the road between Winkler and Walhalla. And before King Winter arrived all of them had shelter that was proof against his icy blasts.

This shelter consisted of two to three-foot deep dug-outs with sod-walls about the same height. Poplar poles were used as rafters over which alternate layers of dog-wood brush and grass were placed. This was then covered with more grassy sods.

What ever other problems these people had, they had come here for free homesteads. It was now a matter of priorities. Their "simlins" gave them shelter but they also needed fuel and provisions. One David Wall by name decided he would look for suitable homesteading locations. He had two things in mind. These were potable water and shelter from the open prairie winds. With spade in hand he walked north-westward towards the Pembina Hills. On Section 6, Township 2 and Range 4 he found both. In the spring of 1876 all of the nineteen families followed him and homesteaded the surrounding lands.

On the south-west quarter of this section they laid out the main street of the village in a north-south direction with building sites on both sides of it. There are still about the same number of farmsteads in this village. Some one must have found clover growing in that area when they arrived there about at Easter that spring for they decided to call the place Osterwick, which in the Low German dialect is Easter Vetch.

Since the nearest doctors, dentists and druggists were fifty miles away in Emerson until the Deloraine branch of the C.P.R. was built in the early 1890's these Mennonite settlers were served by mid-wives and bone-setters.

It is in fact quite remarkable that the nine children brought to Manitoba by the Brauns all reached "respectable" ages. Katharina, the eldest died at 81; Gerhard at 75; Jacob, 70; Johann, 78; Isaac, 53; Peter, 48; Mary, 93; Lena, 94; and Anna, 73.

Those early settlers needed bricks both for building chimneys and for their indoor bake ovens. My Grandfather Janzen and his second son Franz went for a load of bricks and, as was the custom in those days, they took their shot-gun along just in case they might happen to see some game that would look good in a pot and add variety to their daily fare. Since the guns at that time were muzzle loaders there was no thought that they could wait with loading the guns until they had spotted either a prairie chicken, duck, goose or rabbit. Such game would likely not choose to be a "sitting duck." Seemingly grandfather and Uncle saw no game on that trip. When they arrived at home, uncle Franz reached for the loaded gun to remove it from the top of the load of bricks. He took hold of the muzzle and pulled it towards himself. In so doing the trigger mechanism was apparently tripped. The gun was discharged and the full blast of it struck him in the middle. Wall says the lad screamed with pain: Father, help me; Father, I am dieing, Help me. He walked around the loaded wagon writhing in agony and fright. Very soon he knelt in front of the yoke of oxen, prayed the Lord's Prayer and died.

And that's another story I never heard until I began nosing around for details in regards to this family tree.

There is a touching detail related to this tragic event. Franz was twenty-six when he died. The exodus from Russia and the uncertainties of the migration to Canada, the lack of housing accommodation here in Manitoba, were all obstacles to romantic plans. He was not yet married. However, with the families settled as well as was possible at that time, he was about to be married. And to whom? According to David Wall, eightyish, whose parents were neighbors to the Janzens and to the Brauns, in the pioneer Osterwick village, Franz, the eldest living son of the Janzens, and Katharina, the first born of the Jakob Braun children, were promised to each other. Tragedy struck and our Aunt Katharina later married Uncle Peter Hoepfner.

Flin Flon, Man.,
March 22, 1972.

Dear Peter,

Thank you very much for the brochure. I am very interested in getting a copy of the book. I can send you the ten dollars now or later when they are ready. I definitely want a copy. I think it is a great thing you are doing. I am sorry I was not able to be of more help to you. I have been busy collecting information about our own family and then also my connections with the Browns is quite limited except for a few uncles and aunts.

Will the photostats of the original documents appear in the book? I hope so.

Sincerely,
Ruth Angell.

AN INNER URGE TO WORK.

An outstanding characteristic of the Jakob Brauns was their work ethic as it applied to both men and women. Everyone worked in the Braun family. It was an inner urge. They demonstrated a genuine love of work. At 69 Grandfather still operated his half-section farm when he might well have lived comfortably on its revenue. He would not resign himself to the rocking chair and the verandah. During her widowhood Grandma Braun gathered kindling in the nearby woods and tended her little vegetable garden despite the ample estate her husband had left her. Even more remarkable was the timing of her visits to her children's families which often coincided with the arrival of "young uns." When the need arose such visits were extended over months to her own hurt.

No one questions the fact that the women of the first and second generations of this family were exposed to and often inured to all but the very heaviest of outdoor farm work during their pioneering lives. Maybe the best illustration of both the love of work and the willingness to work are the reports on Aunt Mary. The story is that during harvest when there was stooking to be done, she would be in the field before breakfast picking them up and setting them down; come home to serve breakfast, do the milking; and be back at the stooking until it was time to prepare and serve the noon-day meal to the family. Her vitality, longevity and industry were matched only by that of Aunt Helena. Both have been inspiring examples in many areas of service to all who knew them.

Many of the Osterwick farmers kept sheep. David Wall, Jr., believes there will have been at least one hundred sheep in the village at that time. They themselves, he says, had a sheep from which they sheared thirteen pounds of washed wool. Many of the farmers had spinning wheels and spun their own wool clip. After the wool had been spun it was washed. After that three threads were twisted into a single thread. Such yarn greatly increased the rate of knitting. Ewes were bobbed for cleanliness and sanitation.

The livestock population of Osterwick by the late '90's, according to the younger Wall will have included at least one hundred horses, two hundred and fifty head of cattle and all the farmers had hogs and kept small flocks of poultry.

Jacob Wiens¹ who came to Canada in 1876 kept a diary. In it he states the prices of various purchases that he made that year. The prices the Brauns paid will have been quite comparable. Here is a small portion of the purchases Wiens enumerated:

¹ The Jacob Wiens Diary. Translated by Miss Nettie Kroeker and made available through the kindness of Mrs. George E. Wiebe, 147-7th St., Winkler.

a pair of oxen	\$139.00
a wagon	65.00
a wrench	0.80
wagon grease	0.50
Lumber for a wagon	2.00
a plow	24.00
4 bags of flour	12.50
10 pounds coffee	3.35
a pitch fork	1.25
1 pound light	0.30
60 pounds beans	3.00
a sack of wheat	2.32
a sack of barley	3.32
a cow with calf	35.00

A decade ago a group of German economists came to Winnipeg for the purpose of studying the Western Canadian standard of living. They wanted to compare the Canadian life style with that of their own country. Interviewed on their return trip through the city, they were asked to state their main observations. They did this in one word: waste. That would surely be the answer of any of the first and second generation pioneers if they could return and see the modern packaging of food, the flagrant use of light in a modern city, the consumption of water in an average household, the number of cars with only one person in them in our dense 5 to 6 traffic. The list would be a long one.

When the question about thrift was asked at the '71 family reunion, the immediate reply was, "They practised it all the time." They certainly had to be provident. Maybe the '75 arrivals obtained their light by dipping a wick into a saucer of fat. How that must have smoked! Candles were made from the tallow that today is discarded. When oil lamps were introduced the wick was turned down to save oil. Grandpa made his own harness. He made the wooden soled slippers for the family. He sewed a type of moccasin for footwear. The outdoor bake ovens were heated with flax straw or badger brush. Bread baked in such an oven was rated high. "There was nothing like it," users say to this day. The meat supply was both home grown and home cured with the "flavor locked in." Fur coats were homemade and mothers knit mittens and socks for the family.

The modern division and specialization of labor, however, may have some merit that few would choose to forego. Today the spirit, self-help and frugality, making-do with what one has, are becoming discredited. Social and welfare services are being readily accepted and the recipients there of are often not easily induced to work. Diverse views on these important social matters are today found in the Braun families.

Harvesting his grain crops has been the big annual operation for the farmer. In the days before the modern air-conditioned combine came into use the threshing season was fraught with anxiety and fear. So many things could happen to the crop which would rob him of the fruits of his labor.

There apparently is no definite information about the time and the circumstances when grandfather purchased his first grain binder. He will certainly have cut his first grain crops in Manitoba with a scythe. The cut grain was then gathered into bundles which were tied by hand with handfuls of stalks. Considering the ease with which the prairie sod was brought under cultivation and the rapid increase in the general prosperity of the new settlers, other forms of harvesting their grain must have become available to them within a few years. The self-binder cut the grain, bunched it into bundles and tied the latter into sheaves, with wire firstly, and later models with twine.

After the crop was cut, the sheaves had to be set up into stooks, so that the grain would dry to prevent spoilage. Stooking was often done by hand. This consisted of taking a bundle under each arm and putting them firmly down with the butt-ends on the ground and the tops leaning against each other. An indefinite number of such pairs of sheaves set up in a row was called a stook in Canada and in the United States it was often referred to as a shock. The farmer would speak about "stooking a field". Such stooks were longer than wide and frequently they were not too stable.

Stronger and more stable stooks resulted from doing the work with a fork. Usually the stoker would plant the first sheaf firmly upon the ground in an upright position. After that he would surround the pilot sheaf with a full circle of sheaves. Such a shock would withstand strong winds but the grain in it would probably not dry as quickly as in a long one. Fork stooking is faster if the stokers work in pairs, and it is less fatiguing and faster than stooking by hand.

Ordinarily the stooking was done after the whole field had been cut. There were several distinct advantages to this. Even after only one day the sheaves have dried somewhat and hence have lost some weight. More important, though the stoker does not run around the field over and over again. He walks along the rows of bundles once and once around the field. He stooks more and walks less.

Isaac Brown of Linden recalls stooking done quite differently. He writes, "My father told me of harvesting his crop in Manitoba with a binder. He had hired a native Canadian to do the stooking. This man made as many rounds around the field as father did with his team and binder. When the binder kicked out the last bundle of the day it was immediately stoked."

After a field of grain was cut and stooked, the stooks were gathered and stacked. A stack was started with a stook around which enough rows of sheaves were placed until the last row of sheaves would lie in an almost horizontal position. The sheaves are always placed with the stubble-end to the outside of the row which raises the grain onto the butts of the bundles in the preceding row. After this, layer after layer of sheaves is placed upon the foundation layer until the stack has reached the height desired. The average height was probably 15 or 16 feet and the width was about the same. Such stacks would contain about eight loads of sheaves.

Good stack setters were able to build fine symmetrical stacks with conical tops. Those stacks would shed rain and hence stack threshing could be resumed sooner after a rain than threshing stooks.

Stacks were usually built in pairs separated from each other so that the threshing machine could be "fed" from both sides.

Once the farmer had stacked his crop he could begin with his fall field work. This was important since it would enable him to put in his crop earlier the following spring. Moreover, it was easier to protect his crop against range cattle when stacked than while it was still in stooks. Indeed, Grandpa was involved with his good neighbor David Wall in a situation like that. The Osterwick farmers stacked both their hay and their grain on fields near their farmyards. Grandpa built a pole-fence around his stacks but did not keep his own stock at home. His horses and cattle caused considerable damage to David Wall's stacks.

Grandpa looked his neighbor up and said, "Meen Feh haft die fehl shoad gedoanan. Hast du woat jegen me?"

To which Mr. Wall replied, "Ney, nuscht. Tweschen uns es nuscht."

"Na dann jeff me diene Hand dorup."

Mr. Wall was wearing mitts and extended his right hand.

"Yeff me diene blutzge Hand," Grandpa said. Mr. Wall removed his mitts and they shook hands. They had always been friends and a sincere apology kept their relationship that way.



The Jakob Braun Farmstead.

Describing the homes these pioneers erected that first year, Woodsworth¹ quotes Miss Cora E. Hind, long the Manitoba Free Press agricultural editor, in this manner:

“The earliest homes of these settlers were built of mud and sticks, thatched with straw or hay. Some of the oldest are still standing. The walls are a delicate lilac, the window sash is a dull red, the shutters gray. Wind and rain and sun have stained the thatches a deep brown. A village of these houses, seen when flooded with mellow October sunshine and against a background of yellow stubble fields, presents a wonderful harmony of color, and is more suggestive of Holland in the sixteenth, than of Manitoba in the nineteenth, century.”

AS IT WAS IN THE BEGINNING

By appearances the Jacob Braun farmyard was large and roomy, especially when we consider that Grandfather Braun organized it before the turn of the century. It must have been before 1900 since he died in March of 1903 and the poplar trees in the background and the flowering lilac bushes in the foreground are already well grown. Both the buildings and the hedges could date from the early 1890's.

The photographer called on a warm, sunny day well suited for picture taking. Considering the position of the shadow of the chimney on the shingled house-roof it was mid-afternoon. The sky was clear and

¹ J. S. Woodsworth, Strangers With Our Gates, 1909, Page 101.

the warmth of the late June day has brought out the mauve lilac blossoms and grandpa is in shirt sleeves. Grandma is taking advantage of the warm summer day to air her bedding. The feather-filled comforters in the flowered casings are on the garden gate and fence. The well-stuffed pillows in the same patterned cases are exposed just beyond the watering-trough. There are ten of them, enough for the family and the ever welcome guest. To keep the house cool, grandma has closed the window shutters. In the absence of storm-sash these shutters would help to keep out the extreme cold of winter. In Russia they provided protection against marauders.

Farmer Braun was well advanced with his farm work. He had cut and piled the barnyard briquettes, just visible on the extreme left hand side of the picture, the south side of the yard. He has been mowing his hay meadows and road allowances for the mower has been driven with cutting bar erect along the well-worn trail toward the barn where the horses were unhitched, watered at the well and then stabled. All this will not have tired a strong broad-shouldered man such as Gramps appears to be.

Grandpa shows himself to have been a tidy man of order who had a place for everything and who kept his farmyard uncluttered. His top buggy is barely visible in the shadow of the trees appearing to the right of the comforters. His surveyor's inverted "V" is resting against the right side of the lean-to. The few sections of his home-made harrows are out-of-the-way in the little nook between the lean-to and the barn.

He was a resourceful husbandman in the solution of practical problems with his limited means. He built the breeze-way between house and barn long enough to serve as an air-lock. Part of this was his wood-working shop where he built and repaired that endless list of utensils a farmer, dairyman, shepherd, poultryman, carpenter, veterinarian and blacksmith has need of. The ventilator atop the barn and the vertical position of the outside boards of the gable-end of the barn provide enough air movement to prevent undue moisture condensation.

Not shown on the picture¹ are the summer kitchen back of the house, the large granary north-west of the barn, the smithy in the south-east corner of the yard, the sheep corral directly east of the barn just beyond the line of vision, and the cow-shelter used for milking in wet weather.

There is probably no special merit or virtue in any one person putting up all these buildings along with operating a half-section mixed farm, but then grandpa had only from 1876 to 1902, a period of twenty-six, for all this work. Moreover, the house and barn at least were firstly

¹ Inside front cover.

built in the village and then moved across the road onto his homestead. Since these two buildings were of log construction there were the oak trees that had to be cut, hauled from the Pembinas to Osterwick, trimmed, squared, cut to size and then dovetailed and all this was done by hand with hand tools. To all this must be added the construction of two wells. The yard well was provided with a chain-bucket pump that was operated by a crank. The pasture pump was wind-mill driven and likely automatically controlled by the level of water in the watering trough.

Fuechs, the farm dog, is keeping a wary eye on the crowing rooster. It has been chick-hatching time for the mother hen is under the chicken coop permitting the young chicks to roam at will on the lee side of the barn.

It is apparent Grandpa loved children. He had two young boys with him when the cameraman called that day. Maybe his grandsons? Whose sons? Whose fathers? Whose grandfathers?

TODAY — SEVENTY YEARS LATER — 1972

The buildings Grandpa and his sons built on his homestead are no more. Brownish shreds of rotted wood in the tangled grass reveal the outlines of the sills that carried the house and the barn. There is a heavy growth of 60-foot high poplar trees on the south, west and north sides of the former farmyard. These are apt to be second growth rather than the originals planted almost a century ago. Grandma's garden plot is now shelter belt.

A later owner had an orchard and a garden patch where once the sheep corral stood. The apple, plum, and cherries trees are badly in need of the services of the pruning hook. The raspberry and gooseberry bushes are root-bound. Quack grass has a strangle hold on all. Rampant disuse and decay are everywhere.

Was it a mistake for Grandpa to leave the village?

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Peter	1869 Juli 10	1885		mit Katharina H
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The above is a photostat of a page from the Osterwick Old Colony Church register for the Jakob Braun-Maria Fast family.

At the top of the page are given the (1) name of the parents and of their children; (2) the date of birth — year, month, day; (3) date of baptism — year, month, day; (4) date of death — year, month, day; (5) married to.

The dates given are based on the Gregorian calendar. This information was brought along by the immigrants from Russia, where the Julian calendar was used. The columnar spaces on the Russian forms were narrower than those shown above.

JAKOB BRAUN, THE MAN

The character of a man is often best revealed by the reaction of his hired help to him and to his moods, foibles and attitudes as illustrated in the day to day humdrum activities on the farm. Grandfather Braun apparently had fine hired men after his own sons had left home. The marriage of the last and youngest three daughters increased the need for hired help since farmers' daughters were pressed into all manner of outdoor work in those pioneer days.

To illustrate this latter custom, the experiences of Franz Dyck will suffice. Franz Dyck, so says his son, Jacob D. Dyck of Morden, would usually haul sixteen loads of bundles from the field per day and stack them on the yard. Apparently, Grandfather Braun felt this should be eighteen loads per day. The working days at that time began early and lasted until sundown, but, of course, there were short coffee breaks forenoon and afternoon. Faced with the eighteen loads per day request Dyck, so says his son, replied, "I can load and unload 18 loads per day well enough, but Anna cannot build good rain-shedding stacks with more than 16 loads per day." That apparently settled the argument.

Grandpa and Franz Dyck also understood each other completely in other matters. Since Dyck was planning to marry, he acquired a horse among other farming needs. Without any ado about feeding an extra gelding Dyck stabled and fed his own horse with those of his employer. Grandpa indicated his acquiescence with this arrangement by suggesting to his employee that their two horses were a good match hence. "Put your horse into the stall with mine. When I want to drive a team, I'll use yours, and when you wish to have a team, you use mine." And that was all that had to be said about the matter.

The cordiality of this hired-hand and farmer arrangement relationship between Dyck and Grandpa was further illustrated by the good natured lark they engaged in when the last bag of wheat had been emptied into the grain bin. Their King-of-the-Castle game consisted of a tussle in which each tried to wrestle the other over the partition unto the pile of wheat.

Their friendship continued after Franz Dyck married and moved onto his own farm. The Dycks visited Grandpas and Grandma followed the custom of never allowing a visitor to leave empty-handed by giving Mrs. Dyck of their garden produce, eggs or even a boiling chicken.

Bill Simmons, the handsome and friendly Englishman who had left home to seek adventure in the new world as a boy, is remembered with nostalgia by many third generation descendents. He had served some of his country men, who had settled along the Pembinas before the Mennonite immigrants occupied the open prairies below the foothills,

as a shepherd lad. The presence of predators and of stray dogs on the brush covered hills, on the wooded slopes and in the water-logged marshes behind the numerous beaver dams in the valleys and gullies so prevalent on the Pembina Hills, made Bill's job a day and night time activity. However, this very fact also provided an opportunity of meeting the sons of the lowland farmers and presently Bill switched from his 24-hour a day chore as a shepherd to the more varied and leisurely but also better organized work on a mixed grain and livestock farm. Over a period of several decades around the turn of the century Bill Simmons served not only Grandfather Braun but also most of the second generation Brauns including the Hoepplers, the Warkentins and the Frank Loewens.

Very friendly relations developed between Bill and the Braun families during those years. Upon the death of Mr. Cornelius Warkentin in 1901, Bill was employed by Aunt Mary for Bill was well able to manage a farm by this time. Since the Warkentin boys were still quite young at that time, too young to take complete charge of a large farming operation, Bill's guidance was very valuable. Indeed, J. C. Warkentin who was only nine at the time, admits that Bill did more than keeping the farm work running smoothly. Jay Cee frankly admits that Bill assisted his mother in managing her brood of lustily growing boys when a heavy hand was required to maintain peace and tranquility in the home. At the same time the whole family had an opportunity to learn English, something all benefitted by and something Mrs. Warkentin particularly appreciated.

The high esteem in which Bill Simmons was held is further well illustrated by Grandpa's attitude toward him. As often happens when the boys in a family grow up and get married, and they are assisted to get onto a farm of their own, they frequently find it very convenient to help themselves to things they have been using constantly while they worked at home. So it would happen when grandpas would go visiting there would ensue this brief conversation between Grandpa and Bill before their departure:

Bill: Nah dann groesst ahn doa.

Grandfather: Yo ahun du pauss hea Tuss en bate up, besonda wann Peata sull aankommen.

Upon the grandparent's return it would go like this:

Ek seh Peata es hea gewasst.

Nah woraum meast?

Doat yaelow teiw es wag.

Yes, Bill Simmons became quite fluent in Low German. Sometimes this resulted in comical situations. This anecdote was often told on Bill with relish. Grandpa had asked Bill to hitch the team of bays to the hayrack and fetch a load of "Spree" from the straw pile.

“Annah woat met foahren.”

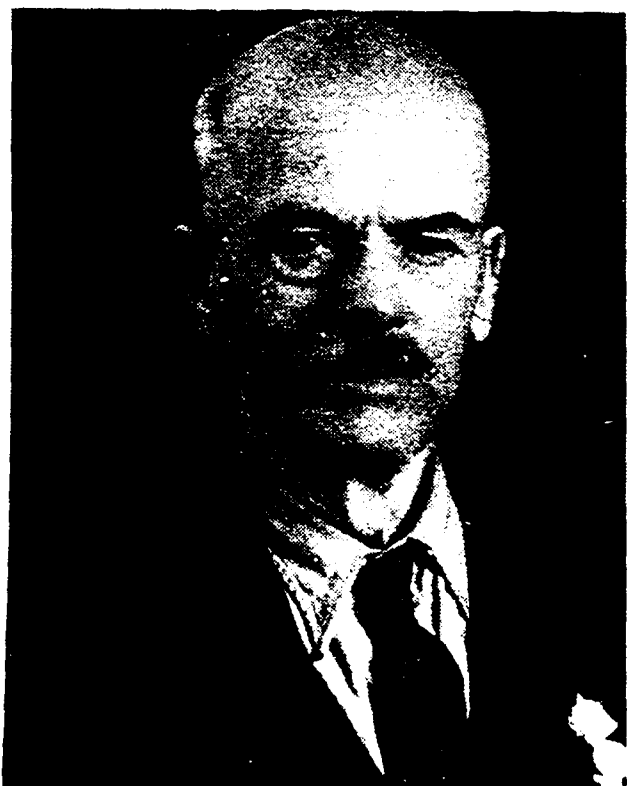
Bill's face was wreathed in smiles at the prospect. However, Bill learned soon enough that this was no fling with a fair maiden but rather a very dusty uncomfortable work in which one would be very nearly blinded with rust and chaff that would irritate nose, throat and eyes long after the job was done.

Bill had a distinct sense of humor. J.C.W. reports that Bill would take him and his brothers along to Morden on Saturday nights, seek out some of his Anglo-Saxon friends and address them in Plaut Dietsch of which they would understand not a word. With a twinkle in his eye he would turn to his young admirers and say “Daut es en dumma Englaenda. De vea steit nich enmaul plaut Dietsch.”

After serving the Braun families in the capacity as a farmhand, Bill Simmons set himself up as a rural travelling trader and found many customers in the Mennonite community far beyond his previous haunts. His ready wit, jovial and extrovert characteristics opened many doors for him. Housewives and children all looked forward to his visits. He freely traded his wares for the farmers' eggs, chickens and cash. Bill enjoyed this style of merchandizing and he readily held his customers in competition with similar Winnipeg traders like Steinkopf¹ who also had a Mennonite village route.

As a final note on Bill Simmons' long and close association in the southern Manitoba community it might well have resulted in the enrichment of the directory of Mennonite family names had the present attitude of inter-racial feelings prevailed at the turn of century.

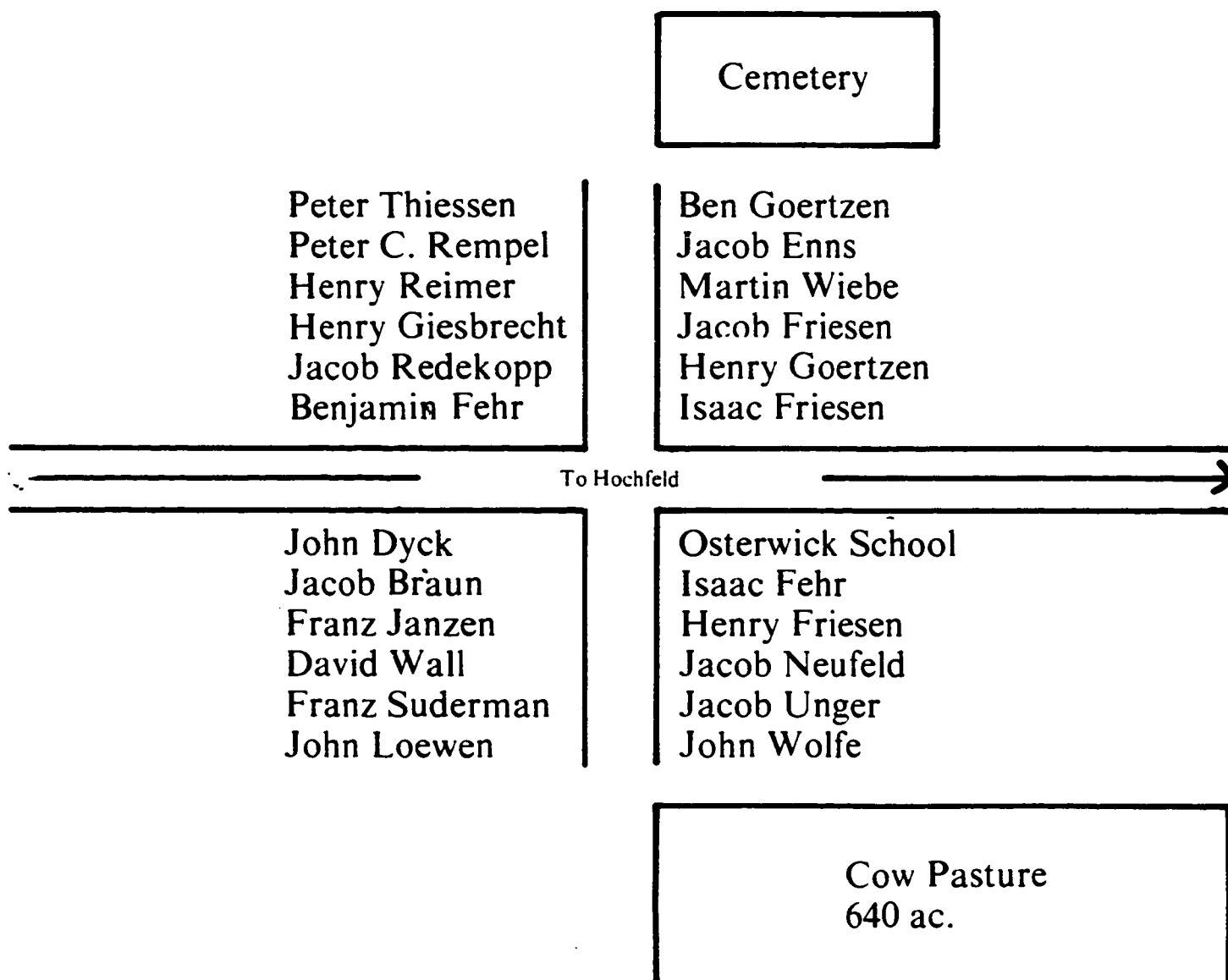
¹ The father of Maitland Steinkopf.



Mr. Bill Simmons, a gentleman, popular and well-liked by the Brauns, Warkentins, Hoepners and others a few generations ago.



**VILLAGE OF OSTERWICK
1900**



POPULATION OF MENNONITE VILLAGES IN 1878

January 31, 1878.

Village	Families	Persons
Hoffnungsfeld	24	120
Schanzenfeld	26	154
Reinland	20	136
Waldheim	18	110
Blumstein	24	120
Chortitz	24	172
Osterwick	24	143
Blumenort	20	100
Blumenfeld	19	95

“The Coming of the Mennonites” a reprint from the Winnipeg Free Press appearing in the Winkler Progress of July 23, 1952, page 4.

**DORFS BUCH FIR DIE DORFSCHAFT OSTERWICK
ZU DIE JAHREN 1889 UND 1890.**

Anno 1889 den 31ten Dezember ist beredet das die Mädchen von 6 Jahr bis 12 Jahren vol nach die Schule gehen, und die Knaben von 6 bis 13 Jahren vol gehen missen.

Den 30. Dezember ist beredet das die Anwoner kennen zwei stick Vieh weiden und ein Daler fier das Stick zahlen und Hirten Geld und Prowand wie die Wirten.

Auch ist beredet das die Wirten nur ein jeder acht Stick Vieh vor den Hirt treiben kennen als Kelber sind frei und drei Schafe wirt ein Stick gerechnit.

Den 13ten März ist beschlossen worden das Johan Dick und Heinrich Friesen ihre Kagel beim Kirchof abgeben zu Hauskagel und Friesen nimt gleich an seinem haus Kagel 7 Desitien und Johan Dick entweder dort nah dem Wald oder an Heinrich Friesen und alles Land wird durch gemessen das einjeder gleichen fiel fluchland bekommt noch das Wilhelm Dick, Diedrich Reimer, Abraham Wolf, und alt Johan Dick ihre Hauskagel aufs ende dorfs beim Kirchof bekommen.

Jacob Loewen hat Land gepacht zu 10 daller und David Wall hat Land gepacht zu 22 Daller von den Verstorbnen Heinrich Friesen sein Farm welches dieselber zu Neujahr auszahlen sollen.

Juni den 28ten 1890 ist beredet das dies Virtel Dorf ihre Hauskagel gans abgeben als die Desatien an die Baustelle helt ein jeder, sonst nemen wir auf Jacob Friesen seinen Farm 6 Desetien zum Hauskagel auf David Wall, und Johan Suderman seinen Farm bleibt es so wie es gemacht ist auf Martin Wieb seinen schmalen Kagel auf den Kagel an die Linge auf sein Farm das alte Land wirt alle durch gemessen und 4 schmale Kagel werden noch auf J. Gertzen Farm geschnitten.

The Village Messenger Service.¹

<i>Frank Lanson (Bnf) 537, 1880 No 2594</i>		<i>H. M. Ziefen</i>
<i>Januar 27</i>	<i>für Fergins auf Hedeheim gebauft</i>	<i>5. 25.</i>
<i>Februar 1</i>	<i>für Fergins auf Hedeheim gebauft</i>	<i>9. 90.</i>
	<i>für Fergins auf dem Lagerboden gebauft.</i>	<i>9. 45.</i>
<i>Juli 7</i>	<i>für Martin 3 Holz auf Dorfstrasse</i>	<i>2. 40</i>
<i>October 16</i>	<i>für Fergins auf Hedeheim gebauft</i>	<i>5. 25.</i>
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<i>1880</i>		
<i>Januar 10</i>	<i>für Fergins auf Hoffgale gebauft.</i>	<i>11. 20</i>
<i>Mai 27</i>	<i>für Fergins auf Hedeheim gebauft.</i>	<i>6. 120</i>
<i>Juli 13</i>	<i>für Fergins auf Hedeheim gebauft.</i>	<i>2. 40</i>
<i>August 8</i>	<i>für Fergins auf Hedeheim gebauft.</i>	<i>5. 20</i>
<i>December 5</i>	<i>für Fergins auf Hedeheim gebauft.</i>	<i>2. 10.</i>
		<i>440</i>

¹ An Osterwick Village Account of 1880.

SOME VILLAGE SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS

VON 1888 ZU 1889 DAS AUSSTEHENDE GETREGE

Gerhard Braun	Weizen schulig	\$2.08
Isaak Braun	Für 4 Stück Vieh weiden	1.80
Jacob Braun	Gerste	2.00
Jacob Enns	Schulgeld .....	.80
Wilhelm Dueck, Jr.	Für 4 Stück Vieh weiden .....	.80
Johann Dueck	Für 4 Stück Vieh weiden .....	.80
Isaak Fehr	Für einen Kalender .....	.08
Benjamin Fehr	Einen Kalednder .....	.08
Heinrich Friesen	Für einen Kalender .....	.08
Franz Janzen	Für ein Stück Vieh weiden .....	.20
Johann Janzen	Für Gerste ein Bushel	1.00
Peter Giesbrecht	Für Heigras .....	.90
Johann Loewen	Für Land auf dem Schulkagel	2.83
Isaak Loewen	Solzahlen	8.80
Peter Thiessen	Von 1890 Schulgeld	3.66
David Wall	Für Zaundraht .....	.15
David Welk	Trift vom Jahr Weizen 1890	8.80
Martin Wieb	1890 Schulgeld schuldig	4.26
Abraham Wolf	Land gepacht	1.50

Dorfs Einnahmen:

Bleibt Kasen Gelt	\$ 6.70
Land gepacht	35.95
Für gras	2.00
Waisen geld: 1890	43.00
Für auswertige Kinder .	14.56

Dorfs Ausgaben:

Ein Schlot Papier	\$.45
Für Kouverte .....	.05
Für Tinte	1.35
Brunnen Rad .....	.50
Ein Geheng .....	.05
Schulzen Lohn	12.00

THE VILLAGE FARMERS' FIRE INSURANCE SERVICE¹

Early Osterwick Village records show that those Mennonite farmers recognized the value of mutual protection against fire losses through the organization of their own community fire insurance services. Constant vigilance on the part of the officers of this service appears to have been the policy of the organization to keep fire losses low and therefore the necessary levies at the lowest possible minimum. The following three directives² giving the policy-holders some homely advice doubtless proved to be effective.

1. . . . möchten die Brand Vorsteher doch rund gehen und nach sehen das die Schornsteine und Ofen Röhren rein und das Brand

Gerätschaft in guter ordnung gehalten wird, denn das Reinigen der Schornsteine und Ofen Röhren wird auch einigemal so sehr verseimt¹ das es da durch kann Unglück geben. . . .

2. . . . ersuche alle Brandschulzen hiemit dringend darauf zu sehen das überall wo es nötig ist um die Dörfer und Fahrngehöfte die Feuerfurchen in guter Ordnung gebracht werden . . . auch wird Ställen wise mit dem Tabak Rauchen in die Ställen und Scheunen so gleich gültig um gegangen das es dedurch kan Unglück geben und Feuer entstehen. . . .

3. . . . auch haben sich schon merere hören lassen das mit die Gasolin Kessel schon sehr gleichgiltig umgegangen wird und in die Gebäude damit gearbeitet, welches doch unerlaubt ist, denn es ist so von die mehrheit Dörfer eingereicht das die Gasolin Kessel 15 fuss vom Brennaren abbleiben sollen. . . .

The office staff and equipment writing the donor below would likely be the envy of any agency manager while the rates charged would appear to be balm for weary policy holders.

September den 23ten, 1910 An die Brand Vorsteher Zuschrift.

Die Brand Vorsteher werden ersucht an die zu ihrer Brand Versicherung gehörigen bekant zumachen das Gerhard Peters in Swift-Korint am 10 September das Hintergebäude abgebrant ist, das der ganze Schaden beträgt \$1558.00. Auf unsere Versicherung trift 9 cents vom Hundert.

Diese besagte 9 cents sollen die Brand Vorsteher auch gleich fordern und mir bis den 6ten Oktober ein bringen da ich selbbiges Geld gleich kan hin schiken.

Schoenwiese in Versicherung	\$53070	Trift zuzahlen	\$47.76
Rosengart in Versicherung	\$66011	Trift zuzahlen	\$59.41
Reinland in Versicherung	\$58971	Trift zuzahlen	\$53.07
Blumenfeld in Versicherung.....	\$42175	Trift zuzahlen	\$37.96
Eichenfeld in Versicherung	\$15848	Trift zuzahlen	\$14.26
Osterwick in Versicherung	\$40953	Trift zuzahlen	\$36.86
Waldheim in Versicherung.....	\$18345	Trift zuzahlen	\$16.51

Rosenort, Jacob Giesbrecht.

¹ The spelling and grammar of the original have been retained.

¹ The Osterwick Old Colony Church register.

² The spelling and grammar of the original have been retained.

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

An interesting phase of the changes that take place in a family over a period of half-a-dozen generations is concerned with the names parents give their children.

John Lever¹ of the London Times has for many years recorded the given names of new-born babies and thereby determined the names preferred by London parents. For 1971, Lever found that Jane is the most popular name for girls since more parents named their girl babies Jane than any other name. The margin, though, was small. Actually there were 145 Janes and 144 Elizabeths.

Preference for boy-babies' names, Lever says, was definitely more one-sided. There were 270 parents who named their sons James. Less than half as many London parents named their sons John which had been the most popular name for boys some generations past. Philip and Charles are top popular names for boys after James and John, Cecil and Percy, according to Lever, are sissy names.

Even a cursory study of the given-names used in the Braun family reveals some interesting details. To name the 24 persons in the first and second generations of this family in Manitoba only 12 names were used. Those two generations had 3 Marys, 3 Annas, 2 Helenas, 2 Katharinas and 1 Aganetha; of the men 3 were named Jacob; 3 John; 3 Peter; and there was one each of Cornelius, Franz, Isaac and Gerhard. Of the men's names Franz and Gerhard were of non-Biblical origin and of the women's names Katharina and Aganetha do not occur in Holy Writ.

Remarkable changes have occurred in the naming of Braun babies in the third, fourth and fifth generations. Including one each of Johann, Jon and Jack there were 70 Johns, 45 Peters; 38 Jacobs plus 2 Jameses; 37 Davids; 25 Henrys, Harrys and Heinrichs; 24 Kenneths, 21 Williams; 20 Edwards and Edwins; 18 Isaacs and 12 Franks. But there were 80 names used only once and 40 other names used either 2 or 3 times.

Parents used Mary and Marie 65 times in those three generations; Anna, 41 times; Elizabeth, 32 times; Helena or Lena, 34 times; and Katharina 24 times. There were 134 girls' names used only once by parents and another 50 names used 2 or 3 times.

The large number of variations of many girls' names is quite striking. To illustrate, for Mary there are Marie, Marilyn, Marlene, Marian, Marion, Maryan, Maryann, Maryanne, Mary-Ann, Mary-Anne, plus some that are farther out. To pick another name quite at random we have Laura, Laurie, Lauren, Laurette and to this we may add Loreen, Loreena, Lore, Lori and Loretta.

Little wonder that a wag has suggested that when parents name a

¹ CBW radio broadcast, 1971.

girl-baby Mary, her school companions are apt to call her Mae and when she marries it will presently be Ma.

The names parents have given the sixth generation children show the influence of the Canadian school system, the reading habits of the parents, and the effect of the mass media generally. While not all of the nine branches of the Braun family have reached the sixth generation, indeed, the fifth generation is not likely complete in all of the nine branches, at all, however, a few conclusions may already be drawn. The present study includes 70 sixth generation boy-babies and 81 girl-babies. In this group of 70 boys there is one John but there is no Jacob, no Peter, no Isaac, nor any Cornelius, Frank or Gerhard. However the names Lyle, Patrick, Clinton, Daren, Corey, Todd, Gerard and Emery do occur.

In that list of 81 girls there is one Mary but there are no other girls' names from the first and second generation list. To realize how great the change in the names given girls today really is consider Tanya, Sherryl, Petty, Kari, Joleen, Dena, Daryl, Cheryl and Chad. Considering the large number of names for both boys and girls that are used only once, the paucity of so-called "Christian" names used by parents a century ago is now a thing of the past. With 120 boys' names used 1, 2 or 3 times in the first five generations and 184 girls' names used with this frequency during the same time period, there is no longer any scarcity of new names and there is a wide open field from which selections may be made. The nature of the illustrations given indicates that parents are doing exactly that.

As already stated John Lever has a list of sissy names. To his list one might well add Cindy, Elvis, Lorie, Levia and Teunis.

On the other hand there are some definitely masculine names, such as Bruce, Garry, Jack, Rodney, Ross, Stanley, Theodore and Barry.

The national origins of the given names used in the family reflect the Canadian Mosaic as well as the personal family preferences. The Scotch have provided Cameron, Douglas, Garry, Scot and Gordon. Wesley, James, Shelley, Charles, Steven, Alfred and Lloyd reflect the English influence. Definitely German in origin are Herman, Heinrich, Kurt, Johanna, Reinhart, Mathilda, Bertha, Otto, Wanda and Wilhelmina. Baldur and Sven are Scandinavian gifts. Abraham, Esther, Ruth, Rachel, Rebecca, Sara, Lois and Hannah are Jewish names. Michelle, LaVerne, Jeannette, Yvonne even sound French.

The admiration of the military is not at all absent from our peace loving Mennonites. Names like Nelson, Montgomery, Wallace, Gordon, Bradley, Lawrence and Roderick need no other introduction.

In those far-off days names readily identified children with their respective families. Aside from parent and child having identical names

two other devices were employed. In the Braun family the child's given name was followed by the initial of the father's given name. Hence John G. Braun was then the son of Gerhard Braun. In other families the child's given name was followed by the initial of the mother's surname. George H. Braun would then be the son of Braun whose wife's maiden name was Hoepfner. Both means had their own short-comings as is apparent when surnames with the same initial letter are involved. The present day use of more than one name along with finding ever new names appears to be a reasonable solution to this problem.

Some years back now the citizens of Turkey were asked to choose family-names for themselves. Mail and telephone service in that country were well stymied when all families named each son Mohammed. The recent introduction of postal codes in Canada points up another problem in our complex modern society.

The preponderance of the Braun surname in the Western European lands adds quite distinctly to the problem of tracing the ancestry of people bearing this name. Rev. James McGivern¹ reports various forms of the name. Similar German names that he mentions are Brauneis, Bruhn, Bule, Brunnen, Brunner, Brun and Bruns. The French have Lebrun, Brun, Brunel, Brunette. In Old English "Brun" was used as a first name even before the Norman Conquest in 1066. The name, McGivern says, is or was applied to one with brown or dark red hair or complexion, chiefly the latter. The more common English forms are Brown and Browne. Less common English forms are Broun, Broune, Bron and the diminutives Burnell, Browning and Burnett.

In Spain and in Italy Burnett becomes Moreno. The dark Irishman is known under the names of Dorgan, Dunn or Dunne. The Russians would call their dark people Chernoff and the Czechs, Cherney or Charney.

In Canada, as well as in the United States, the name Brown(e) has absorbed the equivalents from many nationalities although the variants from other tongues still are found in great numbers.

A Michigan college study showed that short pleasant sounding common, easy-to-spell and pronounce surnames are the most favored and envied by Americans and Canadians. A brief perusal of such names listed in the 1972 Winnipeg City telephone directory reveals that there are 15 columns of Smiths in Winnipeg, 8 columns of Browns, 5 columns of Friesens, 4 columns of Scotts, 3 columns of both Penners and Reimers and 2 columns of Brauns. The erosion of Brauns into Browns is a matter of common knowledge. The ten dollar Homestead Entry Fee receipt issued the father of this writer was made out to Gerhard Brown. Doubtless the clerk on duty in the Emerson Registry Office on August

¹ James McGivern. Kitchener-Waterloo Record, Saturday, Aug. 29, 1970.

30, 1879 knew only one spelling of this name. My father, a young man of eighteen when he arrived in Manitoba from Russia, had not yet learned enough English to attempt to correct the clerk. A comparable situation arose when new additions to other branches of the family were reported. Some children in a family were registered as Browns and others as Brauns.

During and since World War I this erosion was hastened. Braun high school students were twitted about their German name, even by other Mennonite pupils. The Browns increased promptly. The tremendous increase of all forms of paper work at this time, involving national registrations, automobile registrations, drivers licences, income tax returns, business transaction, coming at a time when all things German, both written and spoken, were suspect and underground they went.

Today few parents give their children names of relatives, according to D. W. Matheson¹, recorder of vital statistics for Manitoba. The law requires that every child be registered at birth and this is usually done at hospitals without charge. However, the failure to have done so in past generations complicates the matter of obtaining old age pensions today.

Records in the family Bible, in Grade I school registers or in church records are a help in obtaining pensions. Family allowances are not paid until the child has been duly registered, hence it is in the interest of the parents to register the baby.

¹ "Parents Stop Naming Child After Relatives." Winnipeg Free Press, Nov. 18, 1971, page 28.

29461 Sunvalley Dr.,
RR #2 Aldergrove, B.C.,

May 20, 1972.
Dear Uncle Peter,

In my frenzied spring cleaning, your questionnaire disappeared. If you send me another copy I'll gladly fill it out. I am enclosing two pictures.

The Walter Browns were in to see Mother on Good Friday. Elma and Ruth were with them. Mother celebrated her 94th birthday in March and she is still fairly well and enjoying life.

Sincerely,
Linda.

CHAPTER III

STORM AND STRESS OF A PIONEER

When Jakob and Maria Braun arrived in Manitoba on July 15, 1875, they were both 41 years of age. They had been married 21 years. Their nine children ranged in age from 20 years, which was Katharina, to six months, which was Anna. At that age they were in their best adult years and it must have been a difficult decision for them to leave the fertile steppes of southern Russia north of the Black Sea along the Dnieper River with its favorable mild climate that was conducive to the cultivation of grains, vegetables and fruits and exchange it for the unknown conditions of a land inhabited by wild people and savage animals and with a harsh climate quite unknown to them. To make matters worse, there were no friends in Manitoba to whom they could turn for help. They were quite definitely thrown upon their own resources here. Had it not been this way many would surely have turned around and retraced their steps back to where they came from. Few of the immigrants, if any at all, had the financial means to undertake such an action.

Mrs. John Martens, (Elizabeth Braun), as a child of 13 spent a month with Grandma Braun after grandfather's accident. She recalls many incidents from that visit that help to fill-in important details in the story of the family. Grandmother at 67 continued to milk their half-dozen milch cows and she also did the churning as well as the kneading and the moulding of the butter. Uncle Gerhard Braun visited Grandpa during his illness and sang gospel hymns like "Bringt Sie Herein" for him. Aunt Anna with Susie, Jake and baby Henry were at Grandma's for a month after Grandpa's death. Susie was a problem child and was often chastised by her mother before going to bed.

"While I helped with the house-hold chores, Cousin Peter Hoepfner, 1881, took care of the livestock at that time. Aunt Mary married Franz Loewen during that month. Cousin Peter took Granny and me in the 2-horse enclosed cutter to the wedding which was held in Aunt Mary's home in Osterwick. After the ceremony Peter and I went back home to do the evening farm chores, but we returned to the wedding for the supper and the dance that followed. I was a very shy girl at 13 and sat with my father all evening, while my cousins, however, lived it up and had a good time," Mrs. Martens recalled with nostalgia at 80, thinking of that very cold March wedding many years ago.

Grandmother had her family sale soon after her sorrowful bereavement. All the uncles and aunts came for this sale.

"After the sale I returned home with my father and my feet were so bitterly cold during that five-mile sleigh-ride," she reminisced.

When the funeral and family sale with their profound sorrow and grief were over, Grandmother sought a measure of relief by moving into a small house on the farmyard of her eldest daughter, Katharina, Mrs. Peter Hoepfner. This was her home during the next eleven years. Since she was a robust woman and generally in good health she lived there by herself and took care of her own needs. Being naturally provident the returns from the sale of the farm, the livestock, the machinery, the grain on hand and the household effects easily kept her from any want especially since her wants were few and since she was accustomed to a life of frugality. On mild summer days, her grandchildren would see her gather fuel in the few clumps of brush nearby indicating that the habits of making-do were well ingrained.

At this time then she was able to visit her nine children with their families. As usually happens in such cases, she made the rounds more frequently now in her widowhood than before since there was no longer any household to manage. Since two of her sons, Jacob and Peter, soon left for homesteads in Alberta and Saskatchewan respectively, the family circle became smaller so that she could spend more time with each of the seven families that remained in Manitoba.

Since the youngest three of her children were daughters who still had small children when Grandpa passed away, it was only natural that she spent more time with them than with her sons' families where the youngest children were already more grown. Likewise, mothers are usually more attached to their daughters and their families than to the families of their daughters-in-law. All reports about these visitations suggest that her visits were anticipated with genuine joy.

With the appearance and organization of other churches in Southern Manitoba, many adherents of the Old Colony Church began to attend irregularly and gradually drifted away. The church elders then announced that those members who wished to retain their membership in the Old Colony Church should so indicate and then act accordingly. My parents, Gerhard and Anna Braun, were joining the newly-organized Mennonite Brethern Church in Burwalde and consequently father did not communicate with the Old Colony hierarchy. The Jacob Goertzens, mother's sister Katharina, however decided to remain with the Old Colony group.

Consequently when some time later they joined the S.D.A. church they were banned by the O.C. clergy. If such members took their new church vows seriously, such bans could, of course, in no wise hurt them. But it is very strange what turn events may take to the embarrassment of all concerned.

Just take this situation. At about the turn of the century there was a very pronounced movement of settlers from southern Manitoba to the

Swift Current area of Saskatchewan where the Dominion Government had opened a large territory for homesteading purposes. The Isaac Fehrs of Osterwick with many of their friends and neighbors took part in this trek.

When the Manitoba Government introduced compulsory school attendance towards the end of World War I, the orthodox village farmers experienced unhappy hardships in the way of monetary fines and incarcerations. The search for new homes was not long in coming. The migration to Mexico was soon underway. Just visualize this situation.

The Isaac Fehrs of Saskatchewan decided to join the exodus to Mexico. Naturally Mrs. Fehr would want to see her two sisters, Anna and Katharina. All three met at the Gerhard Brauns in Burwalde. When mealtime came, Mother Braun faced a difficult situation. She and her family could sit down at table with both Mrs. Goertzen and Mrs. Fehr. But Mrs. Fehr would run smack against church edicts if she sat down at table with a banned church member. Hence the hostess set two tables. One for the Goertzens and the Brauns and a smaller one for the Fehrs. Three sisters after many years of separation could not sit down around a common fellowship table.

The unhappy lot of the Jacob Braun grandparents was equally painful.

While the Mennonite homesteaders all filed for their own individual farms, the village fathers organized all the landowners into a pool and then re-assigned the cultivated acreage in 20-acre strips to the village farmers. This, of course, did have a few advantages. It made it very convenient to utilize the poorest village land for the village pasture. The system should also have given each farmer tillable fields of about the same quality. Living in villages had its own advantages. It did afford protection and it simplified school and church attendance.

Grandfather Braun presently tired of following inefficient tillers and took his farm out of the village land pool. Since this threatened the village system of organized farming, Jacob Braun was banned from the church. This probably did not disturb him unduly. He had already moved his farmyard out of the village unto his homestead. However there were presently quite unforeseen consequences.

In his new barn, the floor of the hay mow consisted of poplar poles. There were reasons other than economy for this type of construction. Although frugality was certainly an important factor since those poplar poles were cheap and readily obtained from the One-Six township set aside by the Department of Agriculture of the Canadian Government for the use of the Mennonite immigrants according to the 1873

agreement which the delegates had obtained from the Canadian authorities.

This pole construction served two other purposes. It was excellent for properly drying and curing any damp green fodder. Equally important in those days was the fact that this open hayloft floor effectively forestalled the infestation of the stored fodder by field mice.

Unfortunately, it had one serious drawback, particularly if the custodian even only momentarily failed to exercise extreme caution. So it happened that grandfather returning home from town after dark, had to climb into the loft to pitch down some fodder for his horses, lost his footing between the round poles, fell down upon a grain wagon parked in the dry storage of the hay mow below, broke his collar bone. With modern penicilin and sulfa drugs and medical attention this would have been no more than inconvenient. It caused his death.

What did all this have to do with being banned by the church? Grandfather was not buried in the hallowed ground of the village cemetery. He was buried in the garden on his farmyard, as was done so generally in those days. Despite this, eyebrows were arched; questions were asked. After all the Braun farmstead was directly across the road allowance from the village cemetery. One of the village matrons disturbed in her sleep sought the outdoors. Looking eastward toward the village burial ground she saw shadows; moving shadows supposedly on the graveyard. There was that outcast Braun in travail, restless and disturbed. Gossips had him out of his grave, walking among the graves and along the village street. Why was he buried so close to the village. It should not have been allowed. There were wild rumours. Dire consequences would befall man and beast in the village if he remained nearby.

There was but one thing to be done, and done it was. For these many years his remains have rested on his eldest daughter's farm.

It was likely four years after grandpa's death, that is in 1907, during the fall pig-killing time, that his grave was reopened for the removal of his remains to the Peter Hoepfner farm. From information provided by Jacob D. Dyck, Morden, Peter Hoepfner, Winkler and David Wall, Osterwick, that most of the details of opening the grave have come down to us.

Johann Braun, Isaac Braun and Peter Braun, sons of the deceased, were present. The actual spade-work was done by Joe Deagle, a family hired man, together with Abe and Peter Unrau and Abe Dyck. The yellow clay and sand mixture was easily dug up. The men were careful not to damage the coffin boards. They removed the soil all around the casket and enough underneath it so that the ropes were easily placed beneath the box.

The physical features of the remains, the broad shoulders, the full face, the sallow hair and the general outline of the body were those of grandpa. A slight breeze across the open casket blew it all away and exposed the brownish yellow skeletal bones to view.

Peter Hoepfner, who was a lad of about twelve at the time, recalls seeing the single-tiered grain-wagon with the soiled home-made coffin showing, pass by on the public road. Joe Deagle, sitting on the casket, was the driver of the two-horse team. It was late in the afternoon. Twilight falls early in the short November days in Manitoba. The four young men had worked fast to open grandpa's grave. It was a six-mile drive from Grandfather's homestead at Osterwick to the farm of Aunt Katharina and Uncle Peter Hoepfner in Waldheim. Here the coffin was at once lowered into the previously opened grave. By the time the ground was filled back into this pit, it was quite dusk and the young men returned to their respective homes.

Winkler. Josef Loewen
 Bernhard Loewen
 Rosenbach = Isaak Wiens
 David Wiens
 Aaron Wiens
 Isaak Wiens
 Jakob Wiens
 Farmen Johan Braun
 Wilhelm Braun
 Franz Loewen
 Isaak Braun

Wertgeschätzte Freunde,

Es hat dem lieben Gott gefallen meinen lieben Ehemann Freitag den 27 d.M. 1/25 Nachmittags durch den Tod von meiner Seite zu nehmen und ihm wie ich hoffe durch die Gnade unseres Heilandes Jesu Christi in die ewige Wohnung des Friedens zu versetzen. Ein tägliches schweres Leiden musste er nach Gottes unerforschlichem Ratschluss erst durchmachen ehe er in einem Alter von 69 Jahre, 4 Monate und 10 Tagen in den Hafen der Ruhe einlaufen durfte. Ich werde seine Liebe und Freundlichkeit die er stets gegen mich bezeigt hat schmerzlich vermissen, gönne ihm aber von Herzen die Ruhe und erkönne hier in Gottes liebende Vaterhand die er weiterer mühselligkeiten und Beschwerden gnädiglich enthoben und er sein Tagewerk mit seinem klaren Geiste hat beschliesen können.

Wir sind gesonnen so Gott will die Theuren sterblichen Überreste des dahin Geschiedenen nächst kommenden Donnerstag den 5 März zur Grabes Ruhe bestatten und laden daher die wertgeschätzte Freunde nebst Ihren Angehörigen hiermit freundschaftlich ein sich am bestimmten dato. zu Uhr 12 des Tages in unsere Wohnung einfinden zu wollen um die Christliche begräbnis Feier mit beizuwohnen. Für solche Liebe und Erköntlichkeit werde ich mich stets erkönnlich erzeigen und bin ich ihre ergebene Freundin und Leidtragende.

Wittwe Jakob Braun

Osterwick am Ersten März, 1903.

Winkler	Gerhard Loewen	Farmen	Johan Braun
	Bernhard Loewen		Wilhelm Braun
Rosenbach	Isaak Wiens		Franz Loewen
	David Wiens		Isaak Braun
	Aaron Wiens		
	Isaak Wiens		
	Jakob Wiens		

Copied from one of the original letters in the possession of Frank Brown, Winkler.

Nachgelassenes Vermoegen des verstorbenen Jakob Braun, Osterwick.		
Baar vom Ausruf fuer Weizen	\$ 861.37	
Baar vom Land (von Corn. Giesbrecht)	1000.00	
Inter. vom 1. Juli 1903, zu 5%	23.70	
		\$1884.61
Steht aus vom Land ohne Inter. bis 1 Juli		
Corn. Giesbrecht		3295.00
Steht aus vom Land ohne Inter. bis 1. Juli		
Peter Braun		4550.00
Steht aus ohne Inter. bis 1. Juli vom		
beweglichen Vermoegen		1393.15
Steht aus unter die Erben von frueher		
(ohne inter. bis 1. Juli)		1296.20
Kapital am 1. Juli, 1903		\$12418.99

Erben Schuld;

Peter Hoepfner v. frueher \$200 v. Ausruf	\$ 20.40	\$ 220.40
Gerhard Braun v. frueher \$200 v. Ausruf	267.75	467.75
Jacob Braun v. frueher \$125 v. Ausruf		125.00
Johann Braun v. frueher \$80 v. Ausruf	218.00	298.00
J. J. Loewen v. frueher \$225 v. Ausruf	69.75	294.75
J. J. Warkentin v. frueher \$100 v. Ausruf	9.25	109.25
Isaac Braun v. frueher \$100 v. Ausruf	125.00	225.00
Maria Warkentin v. frueher \$210 v. Ausruf	34.80	244.00
Peter Braun v. frueher \$56 v. Ausruf	158.00	
Peter Braun, Land	4550.00	\$4786.75
Schreibgebueren	22.75	

Copied from one of the original copies of the Financial Statements of the Jakob Braun estate.

The loan of the said copy was obtained through the kindness of Peter Warkentin, Haskett.



Mr. David Wall, eightyish, who has provided much detailed information about the early days of Osterwick and about the Jakob Brauns. Mr. Wall is presently staying with his daughter's family, the Whittmans, who have made interviewing their father a pleasure.

Dr. B. H. Unruh,¹ in his book on the migrations of the Mennonites from the Danzig region along the Vistula River to the Dnieper River north of the Black Sea, enumerates many family names that occur in the Manitoba pioneering Jakob Braun families. It may well be that some of those families are the ancestors of the Braun families of this study. Moreover the information given about each family appears to be particularly appropriate for the kind of family history such as this is. Both include statistical data and family possessions.

Key to abbreviations: Ki, children; Pfd, horses; Rd, cattle; Schf, sheep; Schw, swine; Pfl, plows; Egg, harrows; Wag, wagons; Sprd, spinning wheels; Wbst, looms; GTschw, units of long feed; FdH, units of grain.

- 1796 Gerhard Braun, 25, Landmann, Lakendorf; Frau Aganetha 35, "Sohn" Peter 13; 6 Pfd, 15 Rd, 2 Sch, 6 Schw, 1 Wag, 1Sprd, 12 GTschw, 20 FdH.
- 1795 Isak Braun 23, Landloser; Frau Katarina 22; Ki: Katarina 2, Isak 1; 1 Pfd, 5 Rd, 2 Schw, 1 Wag, 1 Sprd.
- 1804 Jakob Braun 39, Zimmermann; Frau Maria 22; Sö Isaac 13, Jacob 7, Johann 2; 1 Wag, 1 Pfl, 2 Egg, 6 Pfd, 9 Rd, 192 GTschw, 20 FdH.
- 1805 Jacob Braun 48 Land-bauer; Frau Anna 41; Ki: Johann 21, Jacob 19, Anna 14, Catarina 13, Helena 11, Anganetha 7, Maria 4; 1 Wag, ½ Pfl, 2 Egg, 7 Pfd, 16 Rd, 3 Sch, 266 GTschw, 28 FdH.
- 1795 Johann Braun 26, Schneider; Frau Catharina 25; 1 Pfd, 5 Rd, 3 Schw, 1 Wag, 1 Sprd, 8 GTschw, 10 FdH.
- 1814 Isaak Defer 51 Weber; Frau Maria 43; Ki: David 19, Diedrich 7, Jacob 5, Anna 4, Johann 2; 5 Pfd, 19 Rd, 7 Sch, 3 Schw, 1 Pfl, 2 Egg, 1 Wag, 1 Sprd, 1 Wbst.
- 1789 Peter Dyck 40; Frau Maria 38; Ki: Maria 12, Peter 9, Heinrich 7, Gerhard 4, Anna ½; 7 Pfd, 12 Rd, 8 Sch, ½ Pfl, 1 Egg, 1Wag, 1 Sprd, 30 GTschw, 12 FdH.
- 1793 Jakob Höppner 45 Delegat nach Insel Chortitz; Frau Sara 50; Ki: Helena 18, Maria 4, Elisabet geb 1792, Jakob geb 1797.
- 1814 Johann Hooge 43; Frau Anna 32; Tö: Anna 10, Katharina 3, 5 Pfd, 8 Rd, 2 Schf, 1 Schw, 1 Wag, 1 Sprd, 16 FdH.
- 1805 Gerhard Fast 42 Land-bauer; Ki: Anganetha 21, Gerhard 19, Agatha 11, Claas 9, Catarina 9; 1 Wag, 1 Pfd, 14 Rd, 14 FdH, 150 KSch.
- 1789 Johann Krahn 45 Landmann; Frau Anna 44; Ki: Johann 19, Maria 17, Catharina 16, Cornelius 11, Nicolas 9, Bernhard 7,

¹ B. H. Unruh, Die Niederländisch-Niederdeutschen Hintergründe der Mennonitischen Ostwanderungen im 16. und 19. Jahrhundert (Karlsruhe, 1955) Pp. 254-390.

- Anna 5, Margaritha 3, Agatha ½; 20 FdH, 4 Pfd, 16 Rd, 2 Schw, 7 Schw, ½ Pfl, 1 Wag, 1 Sprd, 35 GTsch.
- 1804 Peter Fast 27 Landwirt; Frau Helena 29; Sö Jacob 4, Peter 2.
- 1795 Bernhard Krahn 38 Schneider; Frau Maria 28; Tö: Maria 11, Anna 10, Margaretha 4, Catharina 2; 3 Pfd, 17 Rd, 3 Schw, ½ Pfl, 1 Egg, 1 Wag, 1 Sprd, 29 GTschw, 18 FdH.
- 1814 Franz Janzen 34 Weber; Frau Maria 32; Ki: Franz 12, Kornelius 11, Sara 7, Jakob 5, Maria 1, Julius 1. 5 Pfd, 8 Rd, 4 Schf, 3 Schw, 1 Pfl, 2 Wag, 1 Sprd.
- 1814 Jacob Janzen 34 Weber; Frau Katarina 28; Ki: Peter 7, Heinrich 3, Abram 1; 6 Pfd, 13 Rd, 9 Schf, 8 Schw, 1 Pfl, 2 Egg, 2 Wag, 1 Sprd, 1 Wbst.
- 1802 Bernhard Loewen 41, Frau Catharina 40; To: Agatha 16; 5 Pfd, 3 Rd, 2 Schw, ½ Pfl, 1 Wag, 1 Sprd.
- 1802 Jacob Loewen 24; Frau Margaretha 21; To: Margaretha 2; 6 Pfd, 6 Rd, 9 Schf, 2 Schw, 1 Pfl, 2 Egg, 1 Wag, 1 Sprd.
- 1795 Jakob de Veer 28; Frau Maria 28; Tö Maria 6, Anna 4, Catharina 2, Jakob ½; 9 Pfd, 14 Rd, 2 Schf, 8 Schw, 1 Pfl, 2 Egg, 2 Wag, 1 Sprd, 30 GTschw.
- 1805 Peter Nickel 51 Weber; Frau Anna 58; To Anna 15; 3 Pfd, 9 Rd, 5 Schf, 3 Schw, 1 Pfl, 1 Egg, 1 Wag, 2 Sprd, 1 Wbst.
- 1805 Jacob Warkentin 25 Land-bauer; Frau Susanna 30; So Jacob 5.
 Johann Neustaeter 49 Landmann; Frau Aganetha 53; Ki: Johann 19, Aganetha 8; 9 Pfd, 35 Rd, 8 Schw, 1 Pfl, 2 Egg, 2 Wag, 2 Sprd, 45 GTschw, 35 FdH.

Kinolith, B.C.,
 March 29, 1971

Dear Uncle Peter and Mary,

I was surprised to notice that you had our correct address. What with moving around the way we do, it is surprising when even one's own family can keep track of us.

I was interested in your family tree. I hope you are doing a book. How did you go about collecting all the data?

Otto has his B.Sc. in Electrical Engineering from the U. of M. I have my B.A. and B.Ed. degrees also from the U. of M. Otto has been in the electrical engineering field since he started working, right now this is in an executive capacity since he organized his own company and he is presently working Alaska and Hawaii from Vancouver.

Peter and I belong to the Evangelical Mennonite Church in Abbotsford. Since we have been teaching in these out-of-the-way places we attend church wherever we happen to be because it is difficult to get “home” regularly.

When Peter left the retail food business we went into teaching, which has occupied us for the last sixteen years. Looks like now we are just about ready for a change.

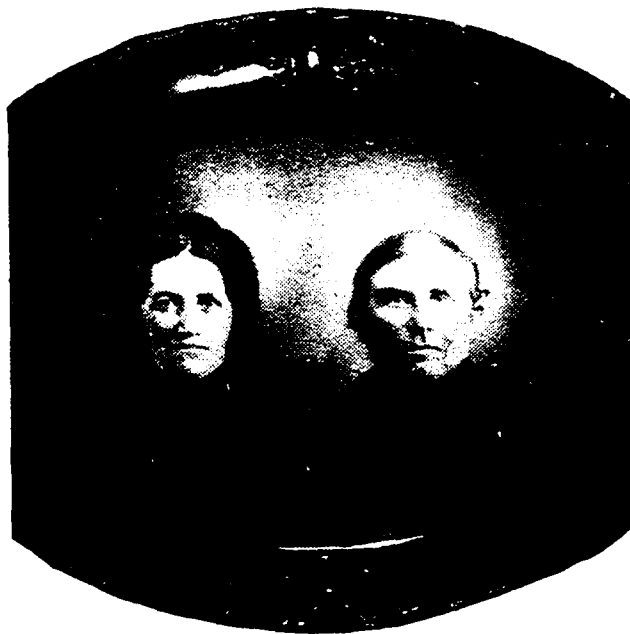
With best wishes,
Linda and Peter.

		2nd gen.
Jakob Braun Maria Fast	1st gen. 1834-1903 1834-1914	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Katrina Braun 1855-1936 1. Peter Hoepfner 1851-1921 2. John Hoepfner 1857-1946 Gerhard Braun 1857-1932 Anna Janzen 1857-1935 Jacob Braun 1859-1929 Helena Warkentin 1861-1953 Johann Braun 1863-1863 Johann Braun 1864-1943 1. Anna Hoepfner 1863-1936 2. Mary Toews 1870-1941 Isaac Braun 1866-1919 Aganetha Dyck 1868-1957 Peter Braun 1869-1917 Katrina Wiebe 1870-1949 Mary Braun 1870-1963 1. Corn. Warkentin 1866-1901 2. Frank Loewen 1852-1919 3. Peter Buhr 1863-1936 Helena Braun 1873-1966 Jacob Warkentin 1864-1945 Anna Braun 1875-1948 John J. Loewen 1873-1932
	Johann Braun Anna Janzen	1836-1911 1841-1890
Aganetha Braun Johann Siemens Johann Doell		

Jakob, Johan and Aganetha are the children of the same parents.
Are they the siblings of Peter?



Johan Braun



Jakob Braun



Aganetha Braun



Peter Braun and family

Does Peter resemble them at all?
Who may their common ancestor have been?
Perhaps some one whose name appears in Dr. Unruh's Book?

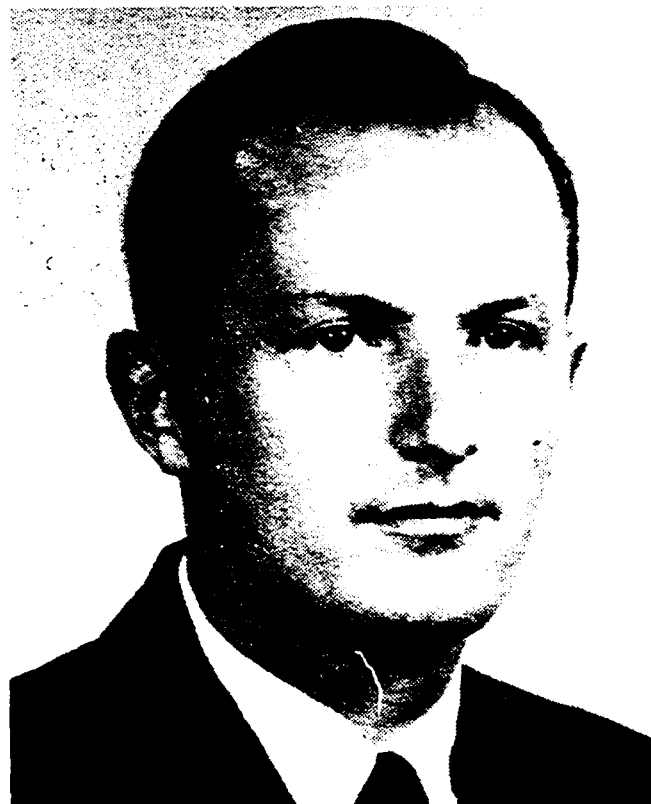
The inclusion of the numerous descendents of our Grand-uncle Johan and of our Grandaunt Aganetha is quite beyond the scope of this study. The John Braun family of Rosenbach is featured briefly as a good will gesture toward those fine relatives.



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An excellent record of a fine pioneering family is well illustrated by Mr. and Mrs. John Braun (1) of Rosenbach, (he is a nephew of Jakob Braun of Osterwick, all 1875 immigrants); their son and daughter-in-law, (2) Mr. and Mrs. John J. Braun, farmer and photographer, long-time residents of Burwalde; and their grandson, (3) Dr. Carl Braun, Associate Professor of Educational Psychology, University of Manitoba.

The well planned, kept and equipped farmsteads (4 & 5) are characteristic of these provident people.

**CHAPTER IV
THE KATHARINA BRAUN AND PETER HOEPPNER FAMILY**



Mr. and Mrs. Peter Hoepfner and their youngest son, Henry.



The Hoepfner Farmstead

**THE KATHARINA BRAUN 1855-1936
PETER HOEPPNER FAMILY 1851-1921**

3rd gen. Peter Hoepner Sara Hiebert	Born-Died 1878-1970 1882-					
4th gen. Peter M. Hoepner Margaret Reimer	Born-Died 1906- 1905-	{	5th gen. Edwin Hoepner Myrna Hoepner Howard Stevens	Born-Died 1931- 1938-	6th gen. Jill Stevens Scott Stevens	Born-Died 1960- 1961-
Abram Hoepner Norma Beamer	1908- 1919-		Ed Falk Anne Rempel	1935- 1940-	{ Ramona Falk Leandu Falk Emery Falk	1961- 1962- 1966-
Sara Hoepner Cornelius Falk	1910- 1911-	{	Dorothy Falk Isaac Hoepner	1937- 1930-	{ Rose Hoepner Colleen Hoepner Darlene Hoepner	1961- 1963- 1968-
			Esther Falk Cornelius Isaac	1938- 1938-	{ Douglas Isaac Andrew Isaac	1963- 1967-
			Henry Falk Helen Zacharias	1939- 1943-	{ Cheryl Falk	1964-
			C. James Falk Anne Doerksen	1942- 1943-	{ Rodney Falk Melinda Falk	1967- 1969-
			Trene Falk Ken Falk Brenda Falk	1951- 1953- 1957-		
Jacob Hoepner Sara Schmidt	1914- 1911-		{	Eileen Hoepner Douglas Hugly	1946- 1945-	
Katherine Hoepner Jacob Klassen	1914- 1913-	{	Patricia Klassen	1948-		
Henry Hoepner Iona La Roche	1916- 1925-	{	Bryan Hoepner Valerie Hoepner Bonnie Hoepner	1943- 1947- 1948-		
Elizabeth Hoepner Sven Jensen	1923- 1924-	{	Shelley Jensen Lisa Jensen	1954- 1960-		
Agatha Hoepner Andrew Lagimodiere	1920- 1919-					
Mary Hoepner Ray Lagimodiere	1927- 1921-	{	Lance Lagimodiere Barton Lagimodiere	1956- 1959-		
Katherina Hoepner David Wiens	1880-1925 1877-1966					
Peter Wiens Isaac Wiens	1901-1901 1902-1903					

		5th gen.	Born-Died	6th gen.	Born-Died
4th gen. Tina Wiens Henry Dyck	Born-Died 1904- 1898-	Harry Dyck Nettie Friesen	1922- 1929-	Eldon Dyck Suzanne Billing Kelvin Dyck Sherryl Dyck Joanne Dyck	1949- 1951- 1954- 1958- 1964-
		Luella Dyck Bill Wiens	1925- 1924-	Rodney Wiens Bonny Wiens	1953- 1958-
		Elmer Dyck Olga Dalke	1929- 1926-	Colleen Dyck Clinton Dyck Elaine Dyck Kevin Dyck	1961- 1964- 1966- 1969-
		Kathleen Dyck John Rempel	1930- 1932-	Barry Rempel Katharine Rempel	1955- 1958-
		Viola Dyck Irvine Wiebe	1936- 1930-	Audrey Wiebe Donalda Wiebe Karen Wiebe Alan Wiebe Bradley Wiebe	1956- 1957- 1960- 1965- 1966-
		John Dyck Mary Sterling	1943- 1941-	Kerry Dyck	1970-
David Wiens Minnie Wiebe	1906-1935 1911-	David Wiens Joyce Loewen	1934- 1939-	Heather Wiens Bradley Wiens Cheryl Wiens	1960- 1962- 1966-
Nettie Wiens David Loewen	1907- 1907-	Bernhard Loewen Margaret Leslie David Loewen Joyce Baines	1930- 1930- 1932- 1933-	Chad Loewen Patricia Loewen David Loewen Colleen Loewen	1957- 1958- 1960- 1962-
Mary Wiens George E. Wiebe	1913- 1906-	John Wiebe Rae McEwen Grace Wiebe	1934- 1933- 1937-	Andrew Wiebe Shelley Wiebe	1963- 1966-
Jacob Wiens Margaret Guenther	1916- 1922-	Larry Wiens Leonard Wiens Beverley Wiens Raymond Wiens	1950- 1952- 1957- 1958-		
Helen Wiens Chris Schneider	1918- 1920-	Brian Schneider Arlene Schneider Marilyn Schneider	1949- 1955- 1958-		
Peter Wiens	1920-				
Sarah Wiens Art Hoffman	1921- 1924-				
Bertha Wiens William Dyck	1924- 1922-	Wanda Dyck Leslie Loewen William Dyck Katharine Dyck Anita Dyck Rebessa Dyck	1945- 1945- 1948- 1953- 1958- 1961-	Garry Loewen Kevin Loewen	1966- 1971-

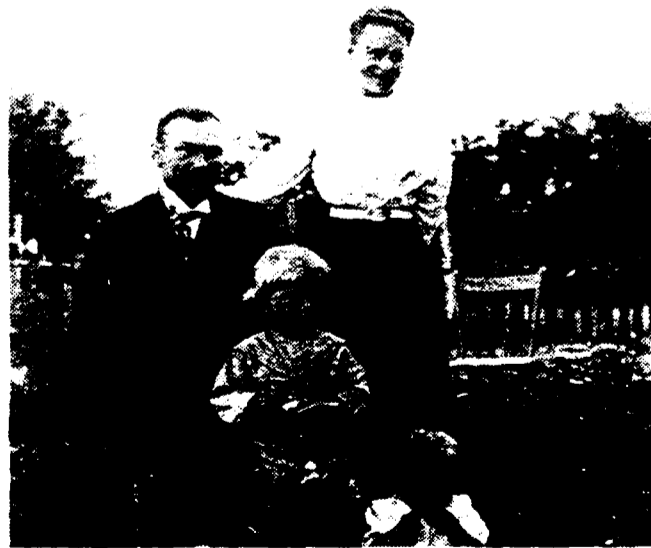
3rd gen.	Born-Died				
Jacob Hoepner	1882-1947				
Wilhelmina Boehlig	1890-1962				
		5th gen.	Born-Died	6th gen.	Born-Died
		Jacob Hoepner	1937-	Beverley Hoepner	1960-
		Justina Hamm	1940-	Ken Hoepner	1962-
				James Hoepner	1964-
				Jerry Hoepner	1966-
		Lena Hoepner	1940-		
		Herman Dyck	1939-	Wendy Dyck	1968-
4th gen.	Born-Died				
Peter Hoepner	1910-	Wilhelmina Hoepner	1943-	Kimberly Hiebert	1966-
Elizabeth Kroeker	1915-	Isaac Hiebert	1944-	Howard Hiebert	1967-
				Lori Hiebert	1969-
		Betty Hoepner	1946-		
		Ronald Rachul	1944-	Tracey Rachul	1967-
				Robin Rachul	1968-
		Peter Hoepner	1949-		
		Anne Hoepner	1951-		
		Ernest Hoepner	1951-		
Wilhelmina Hoepner	1912-				
		Lydia Kochanik	1946-		
		Richard Slykhuis	1943-	Wm. Slykhuis	1971
Katherina Hoepner	1912-	Helen Kochanik	1947-		
Herman Kochanik	1901-	William Kochanik	1947-		
		Alice Kochanik	1950-		
		Florence Kochanik	1953-		
		Daniel Kochanik	1958-		
Henry Hoepner S	1917-				
Helena Hoepner S	1919-				
Jacob Hoepner S	1922-				
Ernest Hoepner S	1923-				
		Bertha Hoepner	1959-		
David Hoepner	1925-	Sandra Hoepner	1962-		
Catherine Dyck	1930-	Norma Hoepner	1966-		
John Hoepner	1929-	Timothy Hoepner	1964-		
Margaret Nickel	1930-	Sharon Hoepner	1969-		
Mary Hoepner	1884-1884				
Elizabeth Hoepner	1886-1965				
Isaac J. Fehr	1886-1955				
Katherine Fehr S	1909-				
Elizabeth Fehr	1912-1928				
		Irene Fehr	1941-	Maureen Rawluk	1962-
		Robert Rawluk	1939-	Gail Rawluk	1967-
		Eliz Fehr	1942-	Grant Stobbe	1967-
		Donald Stobbe		Robert Stobbe	1969-
Isaac S. Fehr	1916-	Edwin Fehr	1944-		
Eva Friesen	1919-	Sadie Wolfe	1946-	Craig Fehr	1969-
		Jack Fehr	1947-		
		Priscilla Fouese	1949-		
		Thelma Fehr	1948-	Barbara Dick	1969-
		Lawrence Dick	1944-		
		Nancy Fehr	1958-		

4th gen.	Born-Died	5th gen.	Born-Died
Helen Fehr John Rempel	1923- 1921-	{ P. Randall Rempel Elizabeth Rempel	1962- 1966-
Henry Fehr Erna Klassen	1933- 1937-	{ Viola Fehr Tim Fehr Linda Fehr Esther Fehr Joy Fehr	1957- 1959- 1961-1961 1962- 1966-
3rd gen. Mary Hoepfner Jacob Wiebe	Born-Died 1891-1971 1896-		
Alwin Wiebe	1922-		
Henry Wiebe Mary Wall	1924- 1928-	{ Gerald Wiebe Harvey Wiebe	1954- 1957-
Peter Wiebe Tina Wall	1927- 1932-	{ Don Wiebe Janet Wiebe Anita Wiebe	1954- 1957- 1962-
Esther Wiebe Peter Friesen	1931- 1929-	{ Tamara Friesen Madeline Friesen Marina Friesen Lloyd Friesen	1962- 1963- 1964- 1968-
Henry Hoepfner Katherine Friesen	1895-1960 1906-		
Katherine Hoepfner Jacob Epp	1928-	{ Dennis Epp Elaine Epp Trevor Epp Ronald Epp Darryl Epp	1953- 1955-1955 1957- 1961- 1964-
John Hoepfner Mary Hildebrand	1931- 1940-	{ Valorie Hoepfner Lorraine Hoepfner Russell Hoepfner	1966-1966 1967- 1970-
Nettie Hoepfner Henry Peters	1936- 1935-	{ Jeffrey Peters	1966-
Gladys Hoepfner Douglas Nicholls	1943- 1938-	{ Kenneth Nicholls Joyce Nicholls	1963- 1966-



The David Loewens
Dave, Wpg police constable; Joyce, Guides
girls; Pat, Girl Guide; David, Cub Scout;
Colleen, Brownie.

Jacob & Helena Hoepfner with Peter
and Wilhelmina.





The Peter Hoeppler Grandparents of Waldheim.



Mr. and Mrs. John Hoeppler



The Jacob Hoepplers and Grandmother.



Mrs. Katherine (Hoeppler) Wiens.



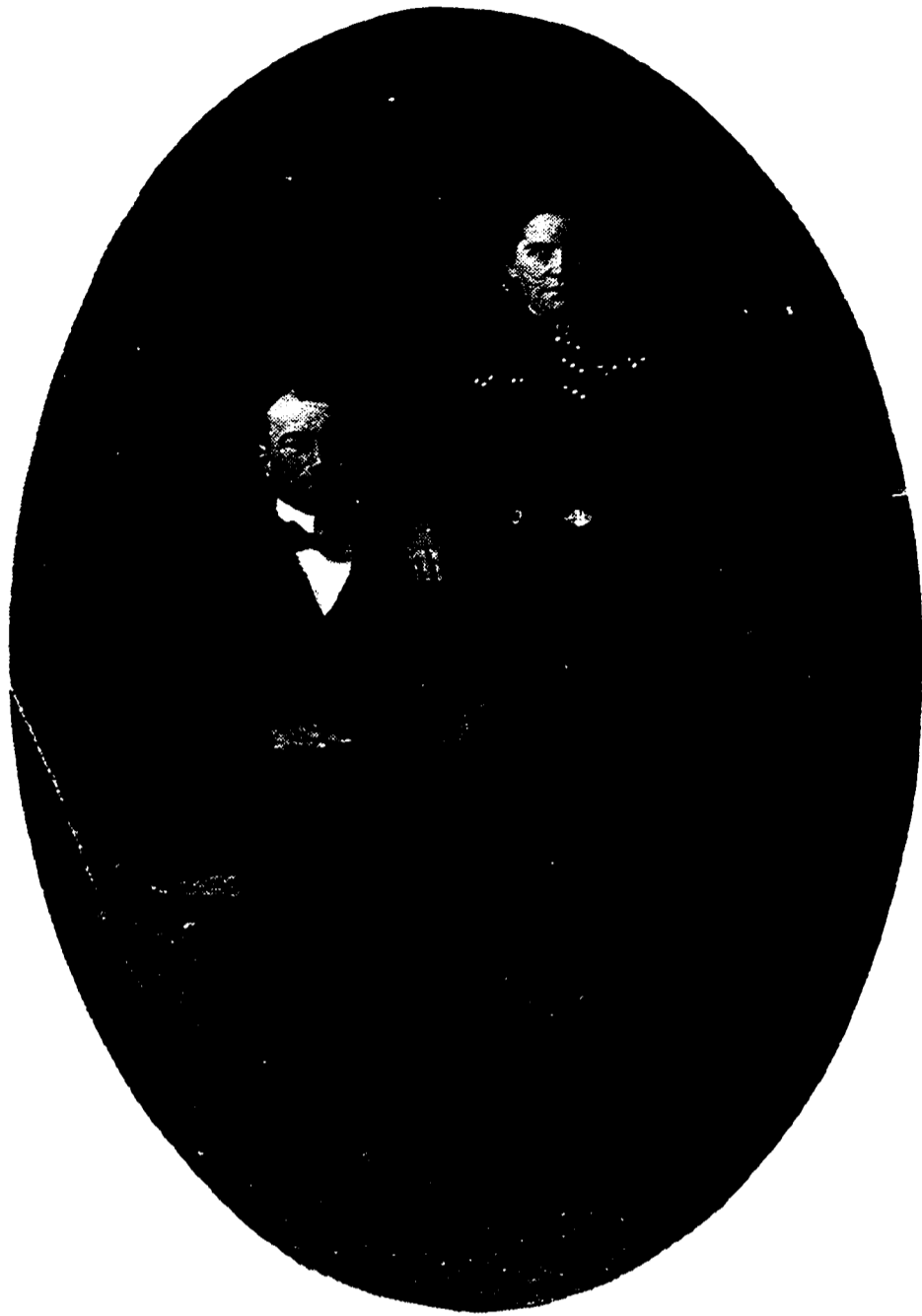
Katharina, Maria, Helena, Anna and Johann Braun.



The Peter Hoepners in their younger days.



Surrounded by many of their children the Hoepners celebrated their Diamond Wedding.



Mr. and Mrs. Peter P. Hoepner in the prime of life.



Mr. and Mrs. P. M. Hoepner.



Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius Falk and their children.



Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Fehr with Irene and Elizabeth.



Mr. Isaac Hoepfner with two of his trophies of the hunt.

MARRIED SIXTY-FIVE YEARS



A RARE MILESTONE

On Sunday, July 26, 1970, Peter P. and Sara Hoepfner celebrated the sixty-fifth anniversary of their wedding in the company of seven of eight of their living children and many grandchildren. It was a happy occasion of rejoicing about the unusual blessings of longevity for the family as they sat down for dinner served in the A.R.C. school facilities.

The children who were home for the family festivities were Peter, Winkler; Abram, Calgary; Sara, Plum Coulee; Tena, Winkler; Henry, Douglas; Betty, Edmonton; and Mary, Winnipeg. Daughter Gay, Winnipeg, had come on Saturday.

Many other relatives and friends also called to congratulate the Hoepfners.



Henry Hoepfner, Peter's youngest brother.



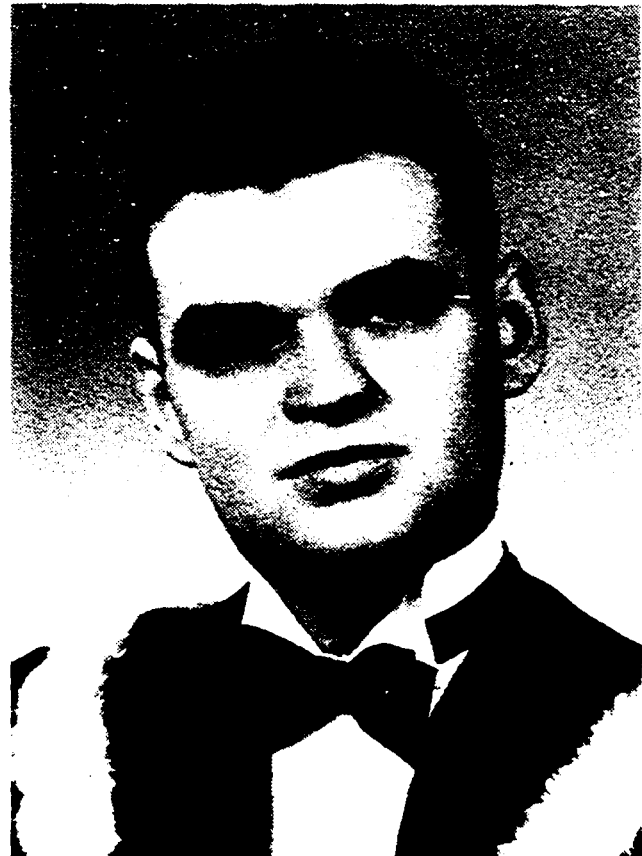
Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Fehr.



Jacob and Mary Wiebe with Alwin, Peter, Henry and Esther.



John Wiebe with the R.C.M.P.



Edwin Hoepner with the Meteorological Service of Canada.

FAMILY HISTORIES — SUGGESTIONS

(Start with Second generation)

1. Parents' marriage — give date, place, church, minister, dress of bride, hymns sung, length of service, lunch menu, etc. Where did the young couple reside? At home, on the homestead? on a rented farm? what was the young man's first paying job?
2. Give credit to the non-Brown parent's family. State the name of the father and of the mother of the non-Brown parent. When did this family come from Russia. How far from the Braun grandparents did these grandparents live? Who are the brothers and sisters of this parent? What was their occupation? Where did they reside. Tell their story. Say it as it is.
3. In the case of the Hoepfner and Warkentin families it would probably be best if there were some collaboration to avoid undue repetition. Both families merit a good deal of attention. Do not fail them.
4. Please enumerate and enlarge on the elective positions occupied by all the family members: school board, municipal councils, church boards, S.S. teachers, choir directors, hospital boards, agricultural fair boards, co-operative company boards, private company boards, etc.
5. Do the same for remunerative positions held by family members: managers, bankers, doctors, school teachers, nurses, ministers, school principals, hospital administrators, accountants, air craft pilots, counsellors, lab technicians, secretaries, psychiatrists, radio personnel, etc., etc., stories of the 3rd, 4th and 5th generations.
6. Stories of success/failures, joys and sorrows, big occasions, sickness, weddings, death; trips, anniversaries; The log cabin; The prairie trail; My rose garden; At the cemetery; At the cross-roads, Fires, first cars, New homes.
7. Interest in hobbies: inventions, collections of Indian artifacts, fossils, rocks; photography; public speaking; newspaper reporting; hunting; flying, etc., etc., original verse.
8. University degrees earned, honorary positions achieved, missionaries, pastors, ministers, awards won at fairs and competitions.
9. In submitting photographs for the Family Register, please write your name and address on reverse side in very soft pencil so that no pressure marks show, or better still, write name and address on a piece of paper and paste paper on reverse side of picture. Identify every one on the picture.
Family group pictures of the second, third and fourth generations are very acceptable. Groups of adult relatives, choirs, teams, threshing gangs, fine homes, harvesting operations, fine sets of farm buildings. (no snap shots of postage stamp size)
10. Deadline for all material — February 1, 1972.

Peter Brown,
560 Waverley St.,
Winnipeg 9, Man.

THE PETER HOEPPNER BIOGRAPHIES

Peter P. Hoepner, Farmer, mixed, 45 yrs, 1/4S, Sommerfelder, Gr V, Read, WrW, Lo Germ.
Sarah Hiebert, HseW, 45, Sommerfelder, III, gardening, Lo Germ.

Peter M. Hoepner, VI, farmer 15, Watkins dealer 14, Gen store clerk 20, GC, SS teacher, 10 yrs, YP, 4 yrs, Garden, fish, hunt, '62 Chev sedan, b&w, Chr Lit. Eng & Lo Germ.
Margaret Reimer, V, Killing plant 4 yrs, Sewing factory 4 yrs, GC, WMA, sewing circle, GC, Sew, garden, WrW, Decision

Edwin Hoepner, XII, BSc, MSc, School of Meteorology 6 mos; Sports cars, GC, SS, Eng, '69 Porsche, Coupe, '71 VW St. Wgn.

Myrna Hoepner, XI, typing course; GC, SS 6 yrs, sew, knit, cooking, '65 Valiant, b&w, AW, Eng.
Howard Stevens, X, production mgr 5 yrs sawmill, Vancouver, BC, hunting, boating, b&w, Eng.

Corn. V. Falk, Farmer, mixed, 1/4S, 37 yrs, EMMC, MCC, Lo Germ, '65 Ford, SD, MR, GC, WP, Outdoor Life.
Sarah Hoepner, Hsekpr, VI, EMMC, Lo Germ.

Ed Falk, XII, BA, Teacher, H Sch, EMMC, '66 Rambler, b&w, Eng.
Annie Rempel, VIII, Hsekpr, EMMC, AW, Eng.

Dorothy Falk, VIII, Hsekpr, EMMC, '64 Ford, b&w, Eng.
Isaac Hoepner, VIII, grocery, Westend — merchant, EMMC, Eng, SpD

Christina Falk, LPN, MB, Eng, '64 Chev, b&w
Corn. Falk, XI, Camp Op, Bible Sch, MB, Eng, WrW.

Albert Falk, XII, psychiatric nurse, LPN, EMMC, '65 Meteor, AW, Eng.
Helen Zacharias, XII, Hsekpr, nurse's aid, Eng, b&w

Corn. Falk, IX, Garage mechanic, EMMC, '67, Ford, b&w
Anna Derksen, XII, Tele Op, Hsekpr, EMMC, Eng, AW.

Irene Falk, XII, Ward Clerk, Morden, EMMC, '58 Ford
Kenneth Falk, XI, Hi Sch Student

Jacob Hoepner, VIII, grain buyer for Pool, killed in Elevator
Sara Schmidt, Hsekpr

Katherine Hoepner, VIII, Salem Home staff, GC
Jacob Klassen, VIII, auto mechanic, GC

Patricia Klassen, XII, Youth program, Nebraska, MB
Gerald Gerbrandt, XII, WBI graduate, MB, Winkler

Henry Hoepner, VIII, Cpl Can Army, b&w
Iona La Roche, VIII, Hsekpr in Vancouver

Brian Hoepner, XI, truck driver & sky diving

Elizabeth Hoepner, XI, hsekpr, UC, b&w
Sven Jensen, XII, instr: Workmen's Comp act, UC, photographer

Gay Hoepner, X, personnel clerk, RC, sewing, b&w
Andrew Lagimodiere, XI, bus driver, Greyhound, RC, reading

Mary Hoepner, XI, Health & Soc Welfare, bus acc't; RC, b&w
Ray Lagimodiere, laborer, construction, RC

Katherine Hoepner, Hsekpr, GC, flowers, Lo Germ.
David Wiens, Farmer, mixed, 240; Sch Trustee, blacksmith, GC, Lo Germ.

Tina Wiens, Hsekpr, GC, Lo Germ.
Henry Dyck, Farmer, mixed, 160, GC, Lo Germ.

Harry Dyck, Farmer, mixed, 320, GC, Lo Germ.
Nettie Friesen, Hsekpr, GC, Lo Germ.

Eldon Dyck, Auditor, IB of C, GC, Eng, Lo Germ.
Suzanne Billing, Sec, Sch of nursing, GC, Eng.

Luella Dyck, Hsekpr, GC, Eng, Lo Germ.
Bill Wiens, Constr worker, GC, Eng, Lo Germ.

Elmer Dyck, Farmer, 480, Eng, Lo Germ.
Olga Dalke, Sch Teacher, hsekpr, Eng.

Kathleen Dyck, Hsekpr, Eng, Lo Germ.
John Rempel, Electrician, Eng, Lo Germ.

Viola Dyck, Hsekpr, Eng, Lo Germ.
Irvine Wiebe, Grain Buyer, Eng, Lo Germ.

Mary Wiens, Hsekpr, Eng, Lo Germ.
Geo. E. Wiebe, Farmer, mixed, Eng, Lo Germ.

John Wiebe, XI, RCMP, Staff Sgt, Eng.
Rae McEwen, XII, Cashier, BK, Hsekpr, Eng.

Gracie Wiebe, Wheel Chair Patient, MB, Eng, Lo Germ.

Jacob Wiens, Farmer, 320, Carpentry, Eng, Lo Germ, '68 Dodge Monaco
Margaret Guenther, Hsekpr, Eng, Lo Germ, color, WrW

Larry Wiens, Parts man, Fed Co-ops, Eng.
Leonard Wiens, Constr Foreman, Eng.
Helen Wiens, Hsekpr, UC, sew, fancy work, hiking, Eng.
Chris Schneider, Foreman, Timkins, Army provost, 5 yrs overseas, '70 Olds, 14' Starcraft boat

Bryan Schneider, X, sch custodian, Presbyterian, hunting, fishing; color, Eng; '71 Fire Bird.
Marilyn Schneider, XII, Clerk, typist; bank teller, UC, swimming, sports Central Canada, Eng.
Gail Schneider, XII, taking RNA course, Ont to Alberta; color, Eng;
Arlene Schneider, XI, Student, UC, music, gymnast, Eng.

Peter Wiens, Laborer

Bertha Wiens, Hsekpr
William Dyck

Wanda Dyck, Hsekpr
William Dyck

Wanda Dyck, Hsekpr
Leslie Loewen
William Dyck
Katharina Dyck

John Dyck, BSc, Civil Engineer — junior design with PFRA — 7 yrs, Lutheran transferring to UC; hockey, golf, curling, Investment club; woodwork, Quebec to West coast; '66 Chev, Eng, AW

Mary Sterling, 3 yrs U towards BEd, teacher 8½ yrs, UC, bridge, golf, reading, sewing; across Canada & Hawaii; '64 Envoy, Observer, Color, Eng.

David Wiens, XI, Farmer, 5/4S, UC, curling snoling, Eng, '63 Pontiac, Gd Farming, RD, Seed Scoop, FPW, CG
Joyce Loewen, Hsekpr, UC, b&w, RD, Eng, Times, WrW

David Wiens, Farmer
Minnie Wiebe, VII, House wife, WBI cook; 8 yrs, MB, Eng, Lo Germ, Black Hills to West Coast; '63 Chev II, WrW, RD, MB Herald, Times, WFP

Nettie Wiens, VIII, Hkpr 43 yrs, Kreshes 12 yrs, GC, '67 Pontiac, b&w, AW & Dr, Eng, Lo Germ.

David Loewen, X, Rly Switch foreman 28 yrs, GC, All na, All mags.

Bernhard Loewen, Banker 23 yrs Can & US, Vice Pres Suburban Nat'l Bk. St. Paul, Yellowstone to Van. Anglican, '70 Dodge, b&w, WDr, All mags, Eng.
Margaret Leslie, Hkpr, clerical St. Mpls Hosp, Anglican, Eng.

David Loewen, XI, Police Constable, Wpg, 16 yrs, UC, Pres. Wpg PR club, YMCA, Man. Peace officer club, Mid-NA; '64 Valiant, b&w, AW&Dr, RD, McCalls, UC Observer, Eng.
Joyce Bain, X, Hsekpr 17 yrs, Eng.

Bertha Wiens, XII, Sch Teacher, Hsekpr; MB, knitting, reading, Ont to BC and US, b&w, WrW, Macleans, Decision, Broadcaster
William Dyck, XI, Seed Plant mgr; Motel, home renovator; MB, reading, fishing, Ont to BC, US; Eng, Lo Germ, '71 Pontiac, Star Weekly, Sports

Wanda Dyck, XII, 1st Yr U, Hsekpr, UC, knitting, crocheting, Man. to BC, Northern US; b&w, WrW, Eng, Gd Hsekpr, Mdn Homes
Leslie Loewen, XI, Photography, 6; UC, golf, baseball, '68 Dodge, Eng, Sports

William Dyck, XII, Pipeline Welder; reading, fishing, trapping, swimming; Que to BC; Macleans, Eng; Playboy

Kathryn Dyck, XII, 1st yr U; MB, reading, swimming, Ont to BC, some US; Eng, Seventeen, Macleans

Anita Michelle Dyck, VIII (pupil), Attends MB, Pioneer girls, paints, swims, reads, basketball, baseball; Seventeen, Teen, Eng, Quebec to BC, US.

Rebecca Jayne Dyck, Attends V, Attends MB, Pioneer girls, swims, skates, piano, Teen mags, Quebec to BC, US

Sarah Wiens, VIII, Teletronic Food service 2; Assembly work 2; Hillsboro Jr Hi Sch food service 6; kitchen employee Kelowna gen hospital 14; Lutheran Ch Missouri Synod alter society, kitchen help, good shepherd, home auxiliary, sews, camps, reads western US & Canada, '67 Buick Wildcat, Nomad travel trailer, color, AW, Gd Hsekpg, Sunset Lutheran Witness, Eng, Lo Germ.

Art Hoffman, X, 1 yr college, Sr foreman at Beaverton 12; nursery 6; City bd of drs; property mgr has 200 credit hours attending short course in water works operation; LC, ushers, Bd of Elders, Reads, fishes, camps, Rock collecting, wood work, travelling.

Isaac S. Fehr, VII, farming, mixed, 5/8S, GC, Lo Germ, Eng, '68 Monaco

Eva Friesen, VII, GC, flowers, sew, knit, LG, WrW, b&w, FPW, Eng, Macleans

Irene Cath Fehr, XII, Teachers' Coll, UC, Eng, AW, color, Chat.

Robert Geo Rawluk, XII, bk mgr, UC, Eng, '67 Dodge

Eliz Edna Fehr, X, bk IBM, 7; flowers, sew, Eng, AW, color, Chat.

Don Bern Stobbe, VIII, Insur agt, 6; Eng, Wpg Beach, '67 Dodge

Edwin Is Fehr, VIII, farming, mixed, dairy, 1/4S, Eng, '72 GMC 1/2 ton truck

Sadie Wolfe, VIII, hsekpr, flowers, veg, sew, Eng, b&w, AW, FPW

Jack Erwin Fehr, XII, assessor, 5; RC, Detroit Lakes, '70 Plymouth, Eng.

Pricilla Fouesse, XII, hsekpr, 2; RC, sew, Eng, AW, color, Chat.

Thelma Ann Fehr, XI, 3; flowers, veg, Eng, AW, b&w, Chat, Women's

Lawrence Dick, XI, farming, grain 1/2S, 4; Eng, Chev car, 1/2ton truck

Helen Fehr, VIII, hsekpr, 25; GC, gardening, sew, LG, WrW, FPW

John Rempel, farmer, 420 ac; mixed, GC, LG, '69 Olds

Henry Ed Fehr, IX, farming, 5/8S 15; GC, fish, Eng, '65 Chrysler, LG, FPW

Erna Klassen, VIII, hsekpr, 15; GC, gardening, sew, WrW, b&w, LG

Katherine Fehr, VII, domestic, Home for Aged, GC, flowers, veg, WrW, RD, Chat. LG

Jacob Hoepfner, Farmer, mixed, sch trustee, 3/8S, Sommerfelder, Lo Germ.

Wilhelmina Boehlig, Hsekpr, Sommerfelder, flowers, sew, knit, Wash bd, Lo Germ.

Wilhelmina Hoepfner, Hsekpr, V, Sommerfelder, Flowers, Times, Post, Chat., b&w, Lo Germ, Eng.

Henry Hoepfner, VII, Farmer, mixed, 60 head, partnership S, CG, WP, Lo Germ, Eng, '69 Chev truck

Helena Hoepfner, VII, milker, dishwasher, S, b&w, Lo Germ, Eng.

Jacob Hoepfner, VI, Farmer, pipeline laborer (Edmonton), S, '70 Chrysler, b&w, Lo Germ, Eng.

Ernest Hoepfner, VII, farmer, mixed, partnership, S, '58 car, b&w, WrW

David Hoepfner, VIII, Carpenter, finishing, GC, Bethel Deacon, b&w, Eng, '67 Ram, Good News

Catherine Dyck, X, Hsekpr, steno, GC, WMA, tent maker, Eng, WrW, RD, MM, Decision

John Hoepfner, VIII, Carpenter, cabinets, (Edmonton), Alliance, '67 Pontiac, b&w, Eng.

Margaret Nickel, tent maker, Girl Guide, Bible Sch, SS teacher, Eng.

Katherine Fehr, VII, domestic, Home for Aged, 6 yrs, GC, gardening, flowers, WrW, RD, Chat. Lo Germ.

Elizabeth Hoepfner, VI, Hsekpr, Gd farmer, Rudnerweide, flowers, WrW, radio

Isaac J. Fehr, IV, farmer, mixed, 3/2S; Rev. minister, sch trustee, gd bldgs, '52 Olds, Jewsharp

Helen Fehr, VIII, Hsekpr, 25 yrs, GC, sewing, gardening, WrW, b&w, Lo Germ.

John Rempel, farmer, mixed, 5/8S, GC, '69 Olds F85, Lo Germ, FPW

Henry Edward Fehr, IX, farmer, 15 yrs mixed, 5/8S, GC, fishing, Eng, '65 Chrysler, b&w, WrW, FPW

Erna Klassen, VIII, hsekpr, 15 yr, GC, Sew, gardening, WrW, Eng, Lo Germ.

Mary Hoepfner, Hsekpr, GC
 Jacob Wiebe, VI, RM Stanley councillor, farmer 1/2S, mixed, 40 yrs; school trustee — sec; GC, Dakotas, Canada West; '65 Rambler, all farm mags.

Alvin Wiebe, IX, pres MFU, Sec NFU, sec Mt. City Hist'l Soc; farms home place. Stanley Agr Soc, Pool El Bd, & Co-op Store Bd, '63 VW, '69 1/2Ton Tr, all farm papers

Henry Wiebe, Farmer 3/4S, mixed, new house in '56, now at Dominion City; had cafe at Carman briefly, No holidays, GC, active in SS, '63 Studebaker, Farm papers
 Mary Wall, IX, hsekpr, have 2 boys and 1 adopted

Peter Wiebe, Wpg St Car Op; Dugald, farmer 3/4S, mixed, drives sch bus; Active in GC church work; Mechanic, Canada West; '69 Austin, reads
 Tina Wall, IX, 1 boy, 2 girls, hsekpr.

Esther Wiebe, X, hsekpr, nurse for 10 yrs, GC in Winkler, California 1 yr, '66 Ford
 Peter Friesen, farmer, grain, cooking, Florida

Katharina Hoepfner, VIII, hsekpr, Lutheran, LCW, sew, knit, Mental Health Society; Scope underground evangelism; b&w, Family Circle.
 Herman Kochanik, X, farmer, Lutheran, gardening, WrW

Lydia Kochanik, XII, hsekpr, UC, sew, knit, cook, AW, b&w
 Richard Slykhuis, Farmer, ride, car & truck

Helen Kochanik, XII, 2 yrs tech, 1st yr U, Lutheran, letter writing, RD, WrW
 William Kochanik, XII, 1 yr U-Ed. welding course, Lutheran, sports, chess, cars, 1 car, b&w
 Alice Kochanik, XII, teacher, Lutheran, LCW, sew, SS teacher, knit, crochet, WrW, evangelize, camping, Gd Hse Keeping
 Florence Kochanik, phy'ly handicapped, employed in workshop, Lutheran, coloring, painting, Family Circle
 Wilhelmina Hoepfner, spinster, Mennonite, sew, crochet, WP
 Daniel Kochanik, VII, Lutheran, fishing, hunting, sports weekends

Peter Hoepfner, VI, farmer, mixed, 1/2S, 15 dairy cows, EMMC, teach adult SS class, '66 Ford Fairlane, b&w, WrW, SD
 Eliz Kroeker, VI, Hsekpr, dew, knit, CG, flowers, Times, FP, Lo Germ.

Jac Karl Hoepfner, X, farmer, EMMC, SS sup't, Ch bd, Lo Germ, Eng.
 Justina Hamm, XI, Hsekpr, sew, barbie clothes, doll, AW, b&w, '57 Chev

Lena Doris Hoepfner, X, LPN, Bible Sch, EMB, b&w, AW, SP, '68 Dodge
 Herman Dyck, XI, Bible Sch, Air conditioning, EMMC, YP, choir, Eng & Lo Germ, Chr papers

Wihl Hoepfner, XII, teacher-el, EMMC, SS teacher, '62 Pontiac, b&w, AW, SD
 Isaac Hiebert, XI, farmer, mixed, 3/4S, dairy, EMMC, SS teacher, music in chr.

Betty Jane Hoepfner, XII, teacher, hsekpr; Alliance, pioneer girls, AW, SD, b&w
 Ronald Rachul, farmer, mixed, ch usher, WMA, '68 Plymouth, Eng.

Peter Dan Hoepfner, XII, Bible Sch, 2 yrs pre-Med, EMMC, choir, Eng.
 Anne Emily Hoepfner, XII, dental assist, EMMC, Eng.
 Ernest Emil Hoepfner, XII, Bible sch, EMMC, canoe, motorcycle, Eng, '68 Dodge

Henry Hoepfner, VI, farmer, 40; mixed, 3/8S, EMC, Lo Germ.
 Katherine Friesen, VI, hsekpr, EMMC, Lo Germ, WrW

Katherine Hoepfner, VIII, hsekpr, GC, WrW, b&w, Eng.
 Jacob Epp, laborer, foundry, CNR, GC, '60 Chev, Eng.

John Hoepfner, VII, poultry man, loading Reimer Express, EMC, SS, '68 Chev, Eng.
 Mary Hildebrand, VI, hsekpr, EMC, SS, WrW, b&w, Eng.

Nettie Hoepfner, hsekpr, WrW, b&w, Eng.
 Henry Peters, garage mgr, Santa Rosa, Calif., '71 Diane

Gladys Hoepfner, hsekpr, babysitter, UC, WrW, color, Eng.
 Douglas Nicholls, foreman, farm labor, winter, Skidoo service, UC, Eng.

N.B. See page 99 for the key to the abbreviations used above.

CHAPTER V



The Gerhard Brauns
 Standing: Frank, George, Jacob, John
 Seated: Isaac, Gerhard Braun holding Mary, Annie, Anna Braun holding Peter.

GERHARD BRAUN 1857-1932 AND ANNA JANZEN 1857-1935 FAMILY

3rd gen. Jacob Braun Helen Vieler	Born-Died 1880-1913 1878-		
4th gen. Linda Braun Peter Friesen	Born-Died 1912- 1914-	5th gen.	Born-Died Elizabeth Friesen ad 1946- James Friesen ad 1947-
Otto Jacob Braun Phyllis (Sansome) Stone	1913- 1913-	{ Martin (Stone) Brown ad Margie Lovis Brenton Braun	1941- ? 1951-
Elizabeth Braun	1881-1882	} 6th gen. Tracey Brown	Born-Died

George G. Brown 1883-1944
Elizabeth E. Dyck 1885-

Wilfred Brown Anna Bettoff	1913- 1916-	{ Dorothy Brown Douglas Wiebe Wilfred Brown Ivy Hardy Daniel Brown Leslie Brown	1945- 1941- 1947- 1947- 1949-	{ Tiffany Wiebe	1970-
Harold Brown Mary Wiebe	1916- 1917-	{ Arthur Brown Nettie Dyck Pat Brown Robert Brown Murray Brown Brenda Brown	1941- 1945- 1949- 1946- 1951- 1958-		
Edward Brown	1919-1938				
Wm. John Brown Doris Demke	1922- 1920-	{ Garry Brown Stanley-Brown Percy Brown Elaine Brown	1945-1964 1946- 1948- 1952-		
Marianne Brown Abram Letkeman	1927- 1924-	{ Roger Letkeman Donna Letkeman	1948- 1950-		

Frank R. Brown 1885-
Justina Redekop 1888-

Esther Brown Elwin Ratzlaff	1914- 1910-			{ Lorri Brown Tracey Brown Tammara Brown	1965- 1967- 1956-
Irwin (Ted) Brown Gertrude Brandt	1915- 1919-	{ Marvin Brown Marjorie Costley Brian Brown Grace Brown Wayne Gies Valerie Brown	1943- 1945- 1947- 1947- 1947- 1955-		
George Brown	1912-1912				
Edna Brown	1920-1920				
Herb Brown Ruth Ries	1917- 1915-	{ June Brown Wallace Petty Sharon Brown Constance Brown Faith Brown	1950- 1945- 1951-1952 1953- 1955-	{ Andrea Petty Christa Brown	1967- 1970-



Dad's first car — a '17 Ford Touring.



Progress: the fork, the hay-loader, the baler.



The Gerhard Brauns

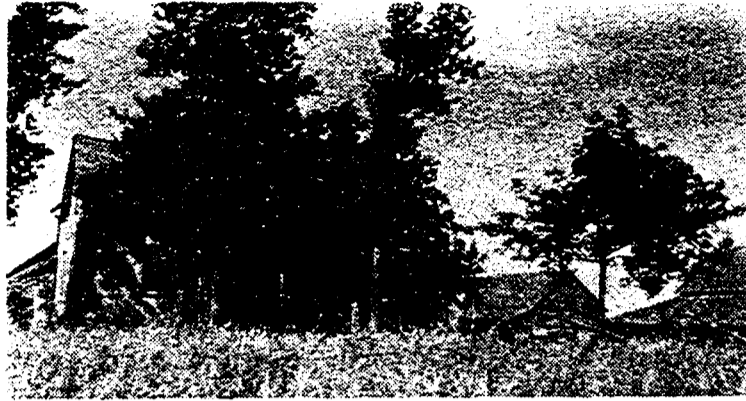
Standing: John, Isaac, Jacob, Peter.

Seated: George, Lizzie, Helen (Vieler) Braun, Annie, Mary, Frank.

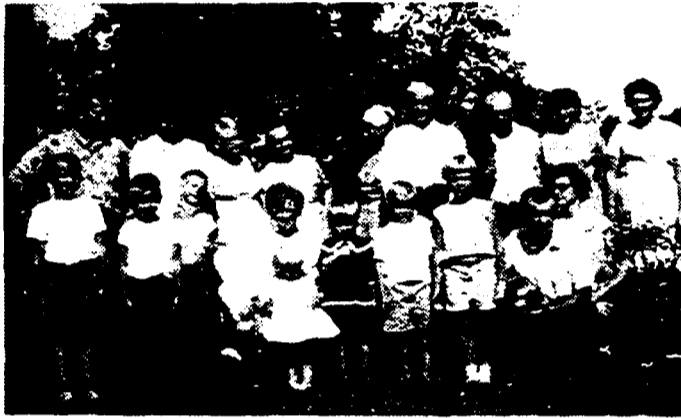
3rd gen.	Born-Died				
John G. Brown	1886-1961				
1. Susan Rempel	1889-1923				
4th gen.	Born-Died	5th gen.	Born-Died	6th gen.	Born-Died
Elma Brown	1915-	George Brown	1941-	Mishelle Brown	1968-
		Louise Hooge	1947-		
George Brown	1916-	Stephen Brown	1943-	Scott Brown	1964-
Nettie Loewen	1922-	Carol Guenther	1945-	Penelope Brown	1965-
		Pamela Brown	1949-	Ken Brown	1968-
		Roberta Brown	1956-		
		Pearl Brown	1963-		
Elizabeth Brown	1920-	Sheila Enns ad	1964-		
George Enns	1925-	Lisa Enns ad	1967-		
Walter Brown	1921-	Irvine Brown	1950-		
Katherine Toews	1929-	John Brown	1953-		
		Darlene Brown	1953-		
		Glena Brown	1955-		
J. Harry Brown	1923-	Roderic Brown	1951-		
Elsie Braun	1925-	Elsie Brown	1953-		
		Roger Brown	1959-		
2. Helen Rempel	1894-1946	Gerald Falk	1954-		
		Gwendlyn Falk	1956-		
Susan Brown	1927-	Wesley Falk	1958-		
Ben Falk	1925-	Vernon Falk	1959-		
		Kenneth Falk	1960-		
		Douglas Falk	1962-		
		Brian Falk	1963-		
		Garry Falk	1967-		
Mary Brown	1929-	Robert Shebaylo	1952-		
Bill Shebaylo	1924-	Jeffrey Shebaylo	1954-		
		Daniel Shebaylo	1956-		
		Cheryl Shebaylo	1957-		
		Patricia Shebaylo	1961-		
		Kathy Shebaylo	1958-		
		Patricia Shebaylo	1961-		
		Wendy Shebaylo	1963-		
		Janet Shebaylo	1967-		
		Jason Shebaylo	1970-		

Isaac G. Brown 1888-1954
 Gertrude Giesbrecht 1894-

			Estelle Hiebert 1939-	}	Kent Warnicka 1965-	
			Earl Warnicka 1940-		Joel Warnicka 1967-	Perry Warnicka 1970-
Annie Brown 1916-1953	}		Shirley Hiebert 1943-	}	Kimberly Bestvater 1967-	
Arnold Hiebert 1918-			John Bestvater 1936-		Cameron Bestvater 1970-	
				Ruth Hiebert 1945-	}	Vaughan Friesen 1966-
				Charles Friesen 1942-		Simone Friesen 1969-
				Beverley Hiebert 1953-		
			Bernice Hiebert 1953-			
		5th gen.			6th gen.	
		Born-Died			Born-Died	
4th gen.	}		Vernon Brown 1946-	}	Michael Brown 1966-1966	
Jacob Brown 1917-			Laurette Frobisher 1949-		Kimberley Brown 1968-	
Mabel Karlenzig 1923-			Dennis Brown 1947-	}	Danny Brown 1972-	
			Margaret Henzie 1949-			
			Harold Brown 1952-			
			Marvin Brown 1955-			
			Pamela Brown 1957-			
			Jerry Brown 1959-			
			Howard Brown 1961-			
			Rodney Brown 1966-			
George Brown 1917-	}		Gordon Brown 1946-			
Sophie Hiebert 1927-			Violet Zehr 1945-			
			Grace Brown 1948-			
			Lee Bartel 1948-			
			Gerald Brown 1950-			
			Garry Brown 1952-			
			Gilbert Brown 1954-			
			Gail Brown 1957-			
			Garth Brown 1959-			
			Gloria Brown 1969-			
John I. Brown 1920-	}		Patricia Brown 1947-	}	Jason Brown 1970-	
Anna Heide 1927-			Ronald De Cuypere 1937-			
			Roger Brown 1948-			
			Sophie Banczak 1946-			
			Llewellyn Brown 1951-			
			Allistair Brown 1956-			
			Daniel Brown 1960-			
			Gregory Brown 1962-			
		Stewart Brown 1963-				
Gertrude Brown 1925-	}		Mary Giesbrecht 1948-			
Wm. Giesbrecht 1921-			Herbert Kuhl 1947-			
			Richard Giesbrecht 1952-			
Peter Isaac Brown 1922-	}		Virginia Brown 1943-			
Mathilda Groening 1921-			Gerald Doell 1940-			
			Terrance Brown 1946-			
			Ricki Harper 1947-			
			Bruce Brown 1951-			
			Brian Brown 1951-			
			Donald Brown 1956-			
Hannah Brown 1927-	}		Kenneth Penner 1949-			
Edward Penner 1924-			Carol Penner 1951-			
			Garry Pollard 1948-			
			Charles Penner 1959-			
			Cynthia Penner 1963-			
		Crystal Penner 1969-				



The Burwalde Home.



Adults at the 50th anniversary of Jacob and Mary Rempel, from the left: Ike and Mary Knelson, Annie Brown, Sara Wiebe, Mary and Jake, Jim Rempel, Al and Al Broadbent, George and Helen Rempel and Ruth Rempel.



The Women's Lib in operation at Pauingassi.



The Burwalde-Zion Hardball Team
 First row, l-r: Peter Siemens, Barney Goertzen, (Pitcher), Peter Brown (Catcher), Jake Goertzen; Second row: Mat Miller, John R. Wiebe, Jake Rempel, Peter R. Wiebe, Isaac G. Brown, ? Siemens, Diedrich Wiebe.

Billy Brown	1930-	{	Ralph Brown	1953-
Ann Doell	1929-		Yvonne Brown	1955-
			Timothy Brown	1960-
			Loren Brown	1962-
Louella Brown	1936-	{	Llewellyn Peters	1958-
Abram Peters	1930-		Lyndon Peters	1967-
3rd gen.	Born-Died			
Peter Braun	1890-1895			
Annie Brown S	1892-			
Mary Brown	1894-1969			
Jacob H. Rempel	1892-1969			
4th gen.	Born-Died			
John Rempel	1919-1923			
Annie Alice Rempel	1921-			
James Broadbent	1920-			
Ruth Rempel	1924-			
			5th gen.	Born-Died
Geo Rempel	1927-	{	Paul Rempel	1958-
Helen Brick	1941-		Dorla Rempel	1960-
			James Rempel	1962-
			Linda Rempel	1965-
Jacob Rempel	1929-			
			Beverley Rempel	1956-
Mary Rempel	1935-	{	Jeffrey Rempel	1957-1957
Isaac Knelson	1931-		Ralph Rempel	1959-
			Bradley Rempel	1961-
			Sandra Rempel	1963-
			Gloria Rempel	1969-
3rd gen.	Born-Died			
Peter Brown	1896-			
Mary Friesen	1910-			
Lorraine Brown	1934-	{	Jonathon Neufeld	1961-
Jacob Neufeld	1929-		Joane Neufeld	1963-
			Thomas Neufeld	1965-
Frances Brown	1937-	{	Nancy Lovering	1967-
James Lovering	1938-		Janet Lovering	1970-
Grace Brown	1941-	{	Jon Neufeld	1968-
Victor Neufeld	1939-		Jacqueline Neufeld	1971-
Douglas Brown	1949-			
Arlene Braun	1951-			
Elizabeth Brown	1898-			
Jacob T. Giesbrecht	1894-1967			
George Giesbrecht	1923-	{	Janice Giesbrecht	1953-
Katherine Friesen	1929-		Phyllis Giesbrecht	1955-
			Marvin Giesbrecht	1958-
			Arnold Giesbrecht	1962-
John Giesbrecht	1924-	{	Albert Giesbrecht	1953-
Tina Penner	1924-		Douglas Giesbrecht	1955-
			Theodore Giesbrecht	1960-

Ruth Giesbrecht	1927-	}	David Enns	1953-
John Enns	1923-		Carol Enns	1954-
			Elizabeth Enns	1956-
			Catherine Enns	1957-
			Bruce Enns	1959-
			Judith Enns	1961-
			Margaret Enns	1962-
		Steven Enns	1966-	
Peter Giesbrecht	1928-1928			
Betty Giesbrecht	1930-	}	Robert Howell	1951-
Delorie Howell	1925-		Garry Howell	1954-
			Timothy Howell	1956-
			Donald Howell	1958-
David Giesbrecht	1933-	}	David Giesbrecht	1969-
Julia Schubert	1945-		Scott Giesbrecht	1971-
Arthur Giesbrecht	1934-	}	Shauna Giesbrecht	1964-
Diane Pike	1938-		Glenn Giesbrecht	1966-
			Greant Giesbrecht	1966-
			Chris Giesbrecht	1970-1970
Leonard Giesbrecht	1936-	}	Leonard Giesbrecht	1964-
Geraldine McNeice	1944-		Kevin Giesbrecht	1966-
Adelaide Giesbrecht	1939-			
Edward Lujan	1935-			



George G. and Elizabeth (Dyck) Brown and Wilfred.



Peter, John, Isaac, George and Mary at Annie's fiftieth.

THE BURWALDE BRAUNS

Our Braun grandparents' visits to our Burwalde home were always special events of joy and expectation. Those visits will have been more frequent before my day but I do have vivid recollections of some of them. Grandpa was probably more jovial and lighthearted than grandma. She was somewhat stern and unbending, but their visits always marked important occasions for the family.

It was butter-making time at our place on one of the first of their visits that I recall. It was a bright, warm fall day and they came in a shiny top-buggy with a well-fed white horse. I still wonder what they called that horse. Granny wore red and blue colored double-knit woolen mittens. Those bright colors attracted my attention.

While I was the senior daughter of the family, I had not yet joined the family labor force. Consequently George was frequently conscripted to perform female service in the home. This time it was churning. The churns in those days resembled belly-shaped flower vases tapering towards the bottom and also somewhat to the top. A long-handled dasher protruded through the stout wooden cover. In the churning process this dasher was alternately raised and lowered thereby agitating the cream quite vigorously. Before any butter was formed this operation was relatively easy. As more and more butter formed, the task became increasingly difficult since more and more of the whole mass would rise with the dasher. This changed the equilibrium of the churn and its contents. Extreme caution was then required, both in raising the dasher and even in lowering it so as to keep the narrow-based churn on its base.

Now George was no one to be disturbed by the intrusion of strangers. But that's when it happened. The churn fell on its side spilling cream, butter and buttermilk and all as it rolled across the floor; just as the grandparents walked in at the door. What a mess that was for mother to clean up with guests to welcome.

Then there were our Christmas visits to Grandpas. In those days mothers baked a kind of hard cookies shaped like the German double-eagle and tinted them with fruit juice colors. This made them very attractive. On such occasions sister Mary and I would be pressed into singing gospel hymns for the guests. For Old Colony churchgoers these gospel hymns were very new and they seemed to be sincerely appreciated. On such occasions we would frequently hear remarks like, "If only the others had been here to hear this also."

I recall quite distinctly, that when Cousin Jacob Braun and his bride, Mary Unrau, visited us in Burwalde after their betrothal, that they requested some organ music and singing. We complied with a number of gospel hymns which they indicated that they thoroughly enjoyed.

Frans Janzen	1820	Febr	16	1842				
Capulind 1843		mit						
Elisabeth Nickel	1822	Dec	16	1842				
Kinden des J. E. Janzen								
Elisabeth	1844	Aug	6	1864				mit Isaacs V. h.
Frans	1847	Sept	2		1850			
Frans	1850	Juli	14	1869		1876	Oct	7
Johann	1852	Dec	29			1859	Nov	28
Katharina	1855	Mai	12					
Anna	1857	Sept	25					
Johann	1857	Sept	28					
Wilhelm	1861	Juni	21			1875	Sept	28

Mother's parents, Franz Janzen and Elizabeth Nickel, on the basis of the Julian calendar.

Christoph Janzen 1871

Männlicher Personennamen Vor- und Nachname	Geburtsort	Geburtsdatum Jahr/Monat/Tag	Taufdatum Jahr/Monat/Tag	Taufort Jahr/Monat/Tag	Mutter
Frans Janzen		1820 Febr 28	1842	1892 Febr 7	
Capulind 1843		mit			
Elisabeth Nickel		1822 Dec 28	1842	1894 Juni 7	
Kinden des J. E. Janzen					
Elisabeth Janzen		1844 August 18	1864		mit Isaacs V. h.
Frans		1847 Sept 14		1850	
Frans		1850 Juli 29		1876 Oct 14	
Johann		1853 Januar 10		1854 Dec 9	mit Isaacs V. h.
Katharina		1855 Mai 24			
Anna		1857 Oct 10			mit Johann
Johann		1857 Oct 10			mit Isaacs V. h.
Wilhelm		1861 Juli 3		1874 Januar 9	

The same but recorded on Canadian paper and based on the Gregorian calendar.

At the grandparents we used to receive white cotton handkerchiefs with the words "Merry Christmas" in chain stitches sewn in variegated colored thread across one corner. The same stitch was used as a binding all around the hanky. I still have mine and I just wonder if any other grandchild has saved such an item that long?

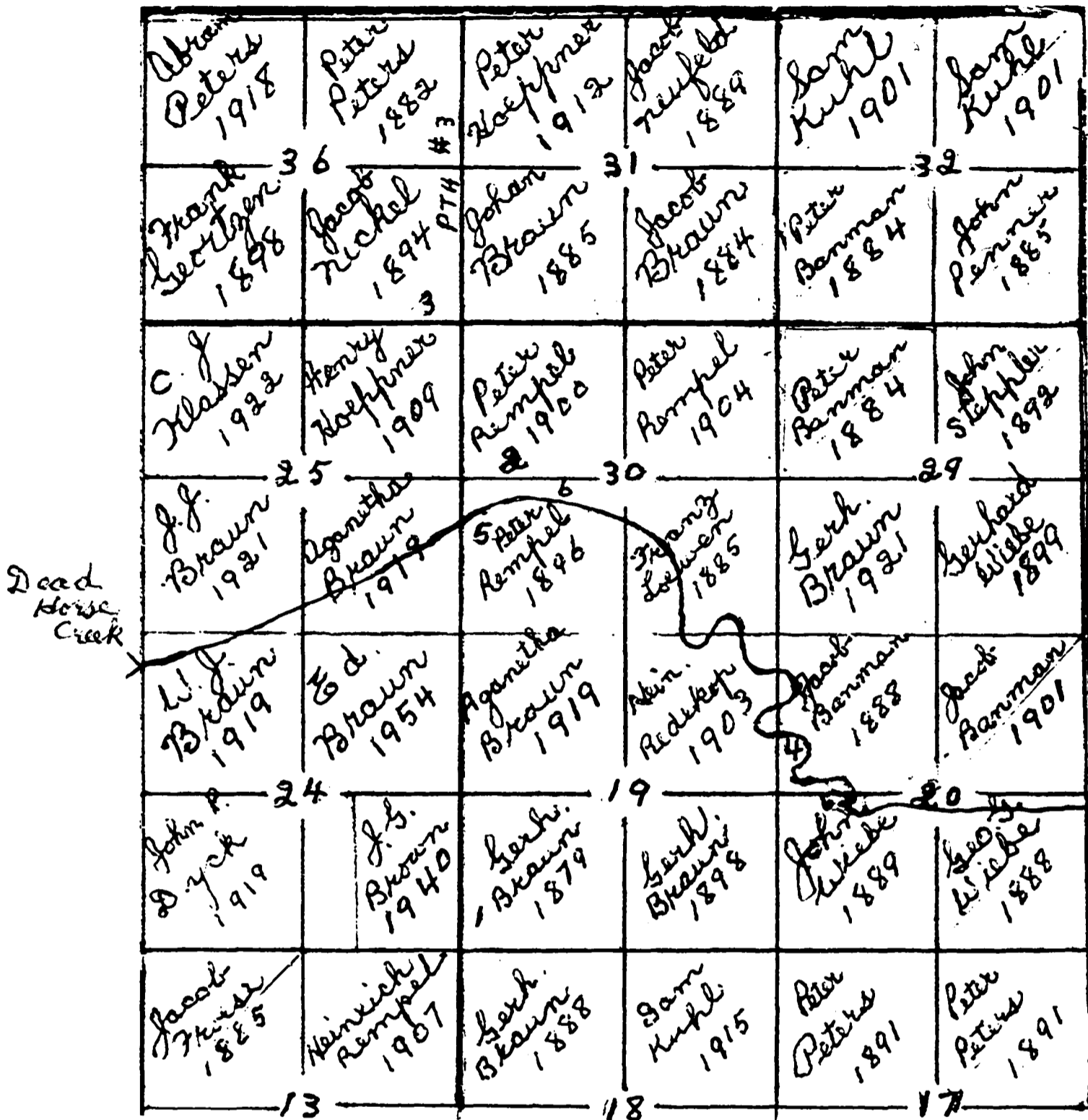
We all enjoyed a happy childhood in our Burwalde home. We were well provided for with food, clothes, shelter and particularly with work. Father and mother always seemed to be in perfect agreement that work was good for us and they both seemed to operate on the idea that an idle mind is the Devil's workshop and that idle hands are his helpers. They did not question the Biblical injunction that "Six days shalt thou labor and do all thy work." And mother did not feel that father could not bring home the groceries and handle other family matters alone on the weekly trip to town.

The large vegetable garden provided some of this work. The apple, plum and cherry trees; the gooseberry and current bushes provided more; and stooking and pitching bundles were thrown in for good measure. In the absence of modern electrical appliances there was much manual labor involved in baking, cooking, preserving, milking, laundering and in fetching and carrying. The position of engineer at threshing time went to the oldest at home. I recall Jacob being in charge of the Whitelaw portable steamer. George took over after that with the Avery, and it was John with the Flour City gas engine.

Mary and I were quite small when we were assigned to the straw-bucking business. Having a saddle-horse to ride gave us that feeling of accomplishment associated with being useful. However there was an occasion when we really felt our actual ages. It was late in the day. Really it was past quitting time. It must have been the last of a field or the threat of rain. It was dragging on and becoming darker. Then the horses must have had the empty feeling that says it is now time to hang on the feed bag. They headed for home, taking the strawbuck and all along. Mary screamed, "My shoe is falling, my shoe is falling."

Well, of course, horses are creatures of habit. They are soon accustomed to entering their own stall. They seek shelter in a burning barn. This time they took their respective sides of the long row of straw dumps, thereby pushing the straw piles together for a good distance. The traces took the strain and the overload soon stopped our chargers. Father was soon at the scene and straightened things out again.

Before PTH #3 was built we had the usual country roads past the farm. The wide road allowance in Burwalde grew a profusion of native flowers that were a delight each spring and summer. We always looked forward to picking the first crocuses and soon thereafter the orange colored teacups followed by the buttercups, the bluebells, the tulips,



Many families of the Braun relationship have occupied properties along Range Five from close to the International Boundary through the R.M. of Stanley. The Warkentins have been established at Kronsfeld since homesteading days. The Brauns, Hoepfners, Loewens, Dycks, Janzens and Wiebes have played major rolls in the Osterwick and Burwalde communities.

Generally years in the 1880's indicate that occupancy was obtained through homesteading. Earlier years are apt to show when application for a homestead was filed and later dates may show that the property was purchased or mortgaged.¹

Burwalde was located astride Range Five, PTH #3 today. Dead Horse Creek with its woods was a favored location.

The legend for the map:

1. Burwalde Village
2. First Public school
3. Dutch type windmill
4. M.B. Church
5. The present school and the Winkler Bible Camp
6. Swimming holes in creek

¹ Obtained through the courtesy and assistance of Gary Dyck at the Morden Land Titles Office.

the lilies, the wild roses and then the black-eyed Susans, the asters and the golden rods and the daisies. Today all this natural beauty has disappeared. Progress does exact its price.

One of the orphaned grandsons spent some years with his Braun grandparents during the construction by the provincial Department of Public works of this highway. The engineers painstakingly placed their pretty little white stakes for the guidance of the earth-movers that their job would pass inspection. Young Walter and his pal found these stakes very enticing and they gathered them on the way to or from school much to the chagrin of the road-building crew, or, when the hydro line was being built alongside the highway, these same two lads would drag the wires, (which were still on the ground), across the road hoping that a non-observant motorist would become tangled up in them. A complaint to the R.C.M.P. soon stopped this sport when the boys were taken to their respective domiciles with a brief report. The reaction of the Braun youngster was a bit startling to his elders. His query: What would happen if this policeman should die?

Good roads, the modern car, the telephone, radio and television have drastically changed rural living and change is the order of the day. Country isolation is gone forever.

I wonder how many of us remember the severe dust storms of the second, third and fourth decades of this century. The repetitious use of the mould-board plow and the burning of stubble fields resulted in severe soil drifting over much of Western Canada. There was the year when we had six weeks of drying winds that whipped the dust and sand into drifts that buried farm fences. The winds would come up at mid-morning and continue until late afternoon. Crops were blown out, fences buried and headlands piled high.

But man does not live by bread alone. Our father enjoyed singing. With enough boys to do the field work, father spent much time in his smithy workshop. Usually when calling him for lunch or dinner, he was heard to be singing. It might be *Alles will ich Herr verlassen, Wie dunkel wird manchmal die Nacht, Ew'ger Felsen* or *Er nahm die Schuld mir ab*. We still have his copy of *Die Kleine Palme*, into which he has written his name as G. Braun, Burwalde, 3 Oct. 1897. We also have his Old Colony hymnal with his name, Gerhard Braun, Alexanderthal, 1873, impressed into the outside of the back cover. Our father enjoyed singing and purchased an organ for the family to help in four-part singing. Other instruments we had in the family included two violins, a guitar, an autoharp and even a banjo. Had we had music teachers these instruments would have been put to better use. Fortunately there were families in Burwalde who were quite musical and the boys, rather than we girls, met in each others' homes for practice sessions. With capable music teachers the results would naturally have

1893.
 ANNUAL REPORT
 OF THE
 School Trustees
 FOR THE
 School District of *Burwalde*
 Number *529* for the year 1893.

We the undersigned hereby certify that this Report contains a full and correct account of all matters stated herein to the best of our knowledge and belief,

G. Braun
 Chairman for 1893.

Peter Rempel
 Secretary-Treasurer for 1893.

The Board of Trustees for 1894 are:

Mr. *Gerhard Braun*
 To hold office for one year.

Mr. *Jacob Nickel*
 To hold office for two years.

Mr. *Peter Rempel*
 To hold office for three years.

The present Secretary-Treasurer is:

Mr. *Peter Rempel*
 P.O. Address *Morden, Man.*

One copy of this Report to be sent to the Department of Education, Winnipeg, within ten days after the 31st of December.

1901.
 ANNUAL REPORT
 OF THE
 SCHOOL TRUSTEES,
 FOR THE
 School District of *Burwalde*
 Number *529* for the year 1901

We, the undersigned, hereby certify that this Report contains a full and correct account of all matters stated herein, to the best of our knowledge and belief.

Peter Rempel
 Chairman for 1901.

Ch. Boy
 Secretary-Treasurer for 1901.

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR 1902 ARE:

Mr. *Gerhard Braun*
 To hold office for one year

Mr. *S. Washington*
 To hold office for two years

Mr. *Jacob Braun*
 To hold office for three years

THE PRESENT SECRETARY-TREASURER IS:

Mr. *Gerhard Braun*
 P.O. Address *Morden*

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Standing, 3rd and 4th from left: Mr. and Mrs. G. G. Wiebe.
 Seated, middle couple: Mr. and Mrs. Peter Rempel. (Both Burwalde trustees.)

¹ Obtained through the courtesy of Mr. F. L. Enns, Burwalde.



The Burwalde windmill as it appeared in 1907. Mr. I. J. Warkentin was the teacher there that year and he would delight his pupils by taking them on hiking tours through places like this mill. The large grinding stones were intact on the top floor at that time but strong winds had apparently toppled the extended vanes. Mr. Warkentin was an ardent photographer and the loan of the picture was obtained from his daughter, Mrs. Helen Remmel. Steinbach.

been better. However, most of us actually made either the school or the church choir or both.

The family Bell organ, after a sojourn of several decades with sister Mary's family, has now found a haven with Rev. and Mrs. Victor H. Neufeld, pastor of the Morden M.B. congregation, hence it will continue to provide the musical accompaniment for heart-warming evangelical hymns. Some of the local old-timers will likely know that Rev. Victor Neufeld is the grandson of Rev. Henry A. Neufeld of Herbert, Sask., who frequently visited Winkler in his time.

Father was also concerned that we should obtain the best education available. He was active in the organization of the private Burwalde village school. Since Range Five, presently PTH No. 3, was the western limit of the Mennonite reserve, the Burwalde community included Anglo-Saxon farmers. Records of the day include names like Baker, Stepler, Lloyd, Washington, Wilson, Wheeler and Shortreed. Since the Burwalde village broke up early, there began an agitation for a public school. The first entry in the Burwalde Protestant School District Minute Book is dated May 1, 1888. Father was there. He was nominated as trustee. At a special school meeting on May 20, 1890, he moved that the school board borrow \$700.00 dollars by an issue of debentures for the purpose of building a new school house. In 1891 he

was elected as trustee and served for a dozen years as a board member, as board chairman and as board secretary. Recognizing his own need for education he briefly attended the school he helped organize.

Father's interest in education soon extended to the high school level. In 1909 he sent his eldest son to Die Mennonitische Bildungsanstalt in Gretna. Jacob obtained his Grade XI there. After a year's teaching in Blumstein, Jacob accepted an invitation from Rev. H. H. Ewert to join the MEI staff and also to serve as dean of residence. How we enjoyed his letters home telling us about his work. He was in Gretna until his marriage to Miss Helena Vieler, also a school teacher, in 1910. That was the first wedding in our family and our parents made the trip to Gretna by horse and buggy. Mother was all excited about the event and had many pretty stories to tell about it. After that Brother Jacob served as principal of the Lowe Farm and the Laird schools until his early death in 1913. Grief-stricken Father and Mother made the train journey to Laird. The passing of the teacher-son and brother left a saddened home in Burwalde.

To back-water a bit, Gerhard attended the MEI 1906-1907 and Peter followed his brother for Grade XII in 1916-1917, except that by

“M.C.I.” Hymne seit 1925.

(Nach der Melodie: „Gaudemus igitur”)

Auf der Gretna Nordwesteck
ist ein Haus zu finden:
schaut zum Norden frei und keck,
trotzt den starken Winden.
Dieses Haus ist hier das gröste.
und wohl auch das aller beste
Lasst euch das verkünden.

Wer nicht weiss, was das wohl sei,
braucht nicht lang zu fragen:
's ist die Gretna „M.C.I.”
Dieses will was sagen
Wer sich nie die Müh' genommen,
und zur „M.C.I.” gekommen,
ei, der wird's beklagen.

Was die Wissenschaft erfand,
kann man hier studieren.
Nur das schlechte is verbannt,
darf nicht exestieren,
Von der Kanzel, vom Katheder,
gute Lehren hört ein jeder;
soll sie nie verlieren.

Doch zum Schlusse, hört es all:
 einen muss ich loben
 's ist der alte Prinzpal,
 der die Schul' gehoben.
 Seine Arbeit und sein Leben
 hat der Schule er gegeben,
 sich mit ihr verwoben.

G. H. Peters, Blumen am Wegrund,
 J. Regier, North Kildonan, Man.
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With life time voting rights.
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this latter date the school had undergone profound changes. It had lost its name, its campus, its building and its library and all its equipment. Jacob reported that he had saved the teacher's backless chair from his classroom. Its new name, its spirit and high idealism are appropriately expressed in a beautiful poem by G. H. Peters, while a student in 1925 and who followed Mr. Ewert as principal in 1934.

It is apparent that Mr. Ewert was a welcome guest at our home. We still remember his reddish-brown gelding that he drove through the community. He sacrificed much for young people and they gave him their highest esteem and respect. Personally I remember him chiefly as a school inspector who visited the Burwalde school. We all enjoyed his visitations. The mere announcement of his coming was real excitement for all the boys and girls. I also recall one of his questions he asked us innocents. He asked, "Which takes more time, for the sun to rise or for the sun to go down?" That was a real dilly for us and we argued about it long after he was gone.

Burwalde was the first school of this Mennonite Settlement to be reorganized into a public school. This was a progressive step for Low German speaking people to take in an English land especially since they had been in Canada only about a dozen years. Missionaries from the Mountain Lake area of Minnesota had gathered a small number of believers here and established the first Mennonite Brethren Church here in 1888 in Canada. The church and the school worked in harmony and both were served well by the calibre of teachers the school employed those early years. These included Rev. P. H. Neufeld, Rev. David Toews, Isaac J. Warkentin and Rev. A. A. Dick. All exerted a positive Christian influence on the young people and organized and promoted Sunday School work, choir practices and evangelistic services.

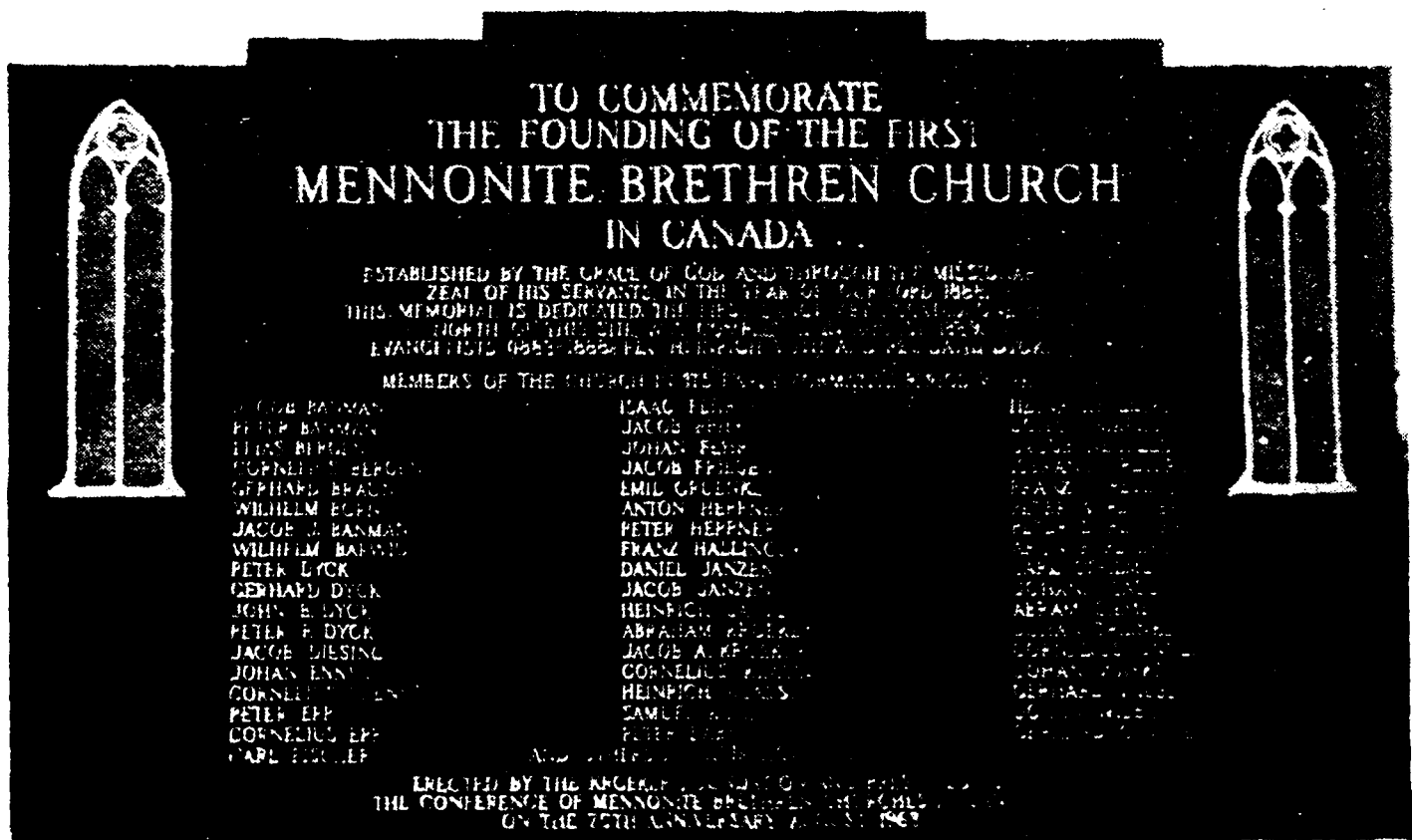
"Education and Christian training with genuine 'fear of the Lord' in the heart is true wisdom by which a nation is exalted," the school board chairman stated in the 1948 Diamond Jubilee Burwalde Year-book. Thereby generations have been blessed.

This church was located on the extreme southwest corner of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ -S20-T3-R4W and belonged to Mr. Jacob Banman. This site was well chosen. Woods skirting the banks of Dead Horse Creek sheltered it from the west, north and east but left the southwest open to the warm sunshine. It may truly be said that it was located in the bend of the river with the woods for a crown there to welcome the farmer and his family from all around to come and worship the Saviour, our Lord and our God.

The cairn on PTH #3, two and one-half miles due south of this site was erected by the Kroeker Foundation in 1963 to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the church in Canada. The names on the

membership list on the cairn are the familyheads of the homesteading pioneers of an enlarged area. We have been happy to see Father's name there with the others. Yes, in Burwalde we often walked the one mile to church. In Winkler we had stable accommodation for horses and we drove to church as a family unit by sleigh or buggy until Henry Ford put all horses out to pasture.

— Annie Brown,
Winkler, Man.



“He Who Runs May Read!”

DAS MISSIONS PFERD



China Inland Mission
Fuchow, Prov. Kiangsi.
Sept. 16. 1921.

Im Herrn geliebter Bruder Frau!
Vor geraumer Zeit erhielt ich
durch Frd. H. J. Voth einen Cheque von
¥ 174.- Chines. Currency. Das Geld sei für das
Missionspferd, das Du, lieber Bruder, mir
geschenkt hast. Nimm sehr herzlich Dank für
dieses Geschenk. Der Herr segne Dich & lohne
Dir diese Liebe! - Das Pferd tut mir einen sehr
wertvollen Dienst. Ich weiss nicht, wie ich meine
Arbeit bewältigen könnte ohne Pferd. Das Bereisen
des grossen Districts mit mehr als 10 Ausser-
stationen erfordert viel meiner Zeit und Kraft.
Durch diese Zeilen werde ich auf der Reise, etwa
25 Meilen entfernt von zu Hause. - Eigentlich wollte
ich Dir schon längst schreiben & Dir danken; aber
in der grossen Sommerhitze mochte man sich nicht

zum Scheiden anpflegen's seither stehet man schon
bieder so sehr in des Abbits, dem man nicht viel vom
Scheiden kommt. - In der Arbeit künften wir erlösen,
das maner bieret nicht begreiflich ist. Soer golt es
nicht in Proben spargen oder, aber him und
der kommen der Kunde aus der Finsternis der
Tidertumme hinaus & befechten sich in dem
Lebendigen Gott. - Das ist eigentlich. Jede
dieser Mensch's beiden bis unsere Gedanken.
Frengen fallen. Eine in der Stadt finden,
der Hauptaktion & eine auf dem Lande.
In beiden Aiken werden wir etwa 2 bis 300.
oder noch mehr durch taken. - Die Aiken
abhänget werden aus der Menge Personen
durch die Länge begreifen, dass sie an
Gott gleichig geworden sind. -

Unendlich folgt der Name dem Menschlich
für uns. Gott der Guten Lebensmittel taken
bis noch seinen Haupt getalt. Das ist der Aiken
Jommer sehr viel. Kein verstanden begen
der langen Stille. - der Reigerei wird noch
heigen & andere Vertheidigen und keiner. Da
wird es für die Aiken einen Aiken hinter jeder!
Wird in der Welt ist Not und Leid! Wird
dort selbst man ohne Gott richtig werden können
in Aiken. Die Menschen können sich durch die
Not nicht in Gott Aiken. Man nicht können können
Leben. - bis Aiken auf die heilige Erscheinung
unserer Aiken & Aiken aus der Aiken. &
In Aiken und Aiken viele Aiken Aiken
Aiken und Aiken so Aiken Aiken,
Aiken Aiken Aiken Aiken Aiken.

China Inland Mission,
Fuchow Prov. Kiangsi.
Sept. 16, 1921.

Im Herrn geliebter Bruder Braun!

Vor geraumer Zeit erhielt ich durch Brd. H. S. Voth einen Cheque von \$174 — Chines Currency. Das Geld sei für das Missionspferd das Du, lieber Bruder, mir geschenkt hast. Nimm sehr herzlich Dank für dieses Geschenk. Der Herr segne Dich und lohne Dir diese Liebe!

Das Pferd tut mir einen sehr wertvollen Dienst. Ich weiss nicht wie ich meine Arbeit bewältigen könnte ohne Pferd. Das Bereisen des grossen Distrikts mit mehr als 10 Aussenstationen erfordert viel meiner Zeit und Kraft. Und diese Zeilen schreibe ich auf der Reise, etwa 25 Meilen entfernt von zu Hause. Eigentlich wollte ich Dir schon längst schreiben und Dir danken; aber in der grossen Sommerhitze mochte man sich nicht zum Schreiben aufrufen und seither steckt man schon wieder so sehr in der Arbeit, dass man nicht viel zum schreiben kommt. In der Arbeit dürfen wir erfahren, dass unser Dienst nicht vergeblich ist. Zwar geht es nicht in grossen Sprüngen voran, aber hin und her kommen doch Leute aus der Fünsternis des Heidentums heraus und bekehren sich zu dem lebendigen Gott.

Das ist erfreulich. Ende dieses Monats werden wir unsere Jahreskonferenzen halten. Eine in der Stadt Fuchow, der Hauptstation und eine auf dem Lande. An beiden Orten werden wir etwa 2 bis 300 oder noch mehr Leute haben — Bei dieser Gelegenheit werden auch eine Anzahl Personen durch die Taufe bezeugen, dass sie an Gott gläubig geworden sind.

Äusserlich sorgt der treue Herr freundlich für uns. Trotz der teuren Lebensmittel haben wir wohl keinen Mangel gehabt. Doch ist diesen Sommer sehr viel Reis vertrocknet wegen der langen Dürre. Der Reis Preis wird noch steigen und für die Armen einen bösen Winter geben! Überall in der Welt ist Not und Elend! Und doch scheint Man ohne Gott fertig werden können zu glauben. Die Menschen lassen sich durch die Not nicht zu Gott treiben. Nur einige wenige kommen heraus.

Wir warten auf die baldige Erscheinung unseres Herren und Retters aus den Himmeln.

Im Herrn und Seiner Liebe verbunden grüsst Dich und dankt nochmals herzlich,

Dein geringer Bruder,

Fritz Gasser

THE BRAUNS OF BURWALDE

Gerhard Braun and Anna Janzen arrived in Manitoba with their respective parents in 1875, the second year of the emigration of Mennonites from Russia to Canada and the first year that any of them moved into the townships west of the Red River which the Canadian Government had set aside for their occupancy. Both Gerhard and Anna were eighteen at the time and must have accompanied their parents to the campsite near the International Boundary where the nineteen families spent their first winter in the new land. In the spring of 1876 they will have helped their parents establish themselves on adjacent lots on the south-west portion of the newly laid-out Osterwick Village street. This street was but a stone's throw within Range Four which was the western limit of the "Mennonite Reserve." Their parents' homesteads were nearby but across the road allowance and therefore in Range Five, separated kitty-corner by no more than half a mile.

Their early years in Russia will have to remain largely a matter of conjecture. Due to poverty in the Janzen home, mother lived with her older sister, Elizabeth, Mrs. Isaac Fehr. Here she attended school and performed the customary duties of a child of the family. Summer Saturday afternoons this included washing down the Fehr's dapple grays in the Dnieper River. Except for the danger of being trampled under-foot by the horses in the swirling waters, this was likely quite agreeable.

Mother and father were married in Osterwick on March 18, 1879 when both were twenty-two. Since father was issued a receipt for his homestead entry fee on August 30 of that same year, it would appear that their marriage at that time was in preparation for moving onto their Burwalde Village homestead in early spring to be ready for an early start with the field work.

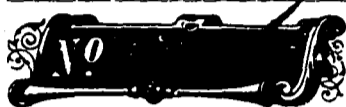
What a prize a diary of those days would be for us today. We could then learn about the first home dad built for mother and son Jacob who arrived June 17, 1880, and for daughter Elizabeth who made her debut January 28, 1882. Her stay, unhappily for mother, was very brief. Diphtheria had been brought into the settlement by newcomers and on February 27, 1883, she was numbered amongst the victims of this scourge that had reached epidemic proportions and that incidentally left her brother weak and frail for his short life. The death of her bundle of happiness with its promise of household joy, companionship and help was heart-breaking for mother and left her grief stricken. When death strikes a home the fatalities are much more than mere statistics.

The eighties must have been stirring years of our parents. George, Frank, John and Isaac also arrived during that decade. Father obtained the title to his homestead. For the son of a "Landloser" this must have been a genuine thrill and all one hundred and sixty acres of it! The

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acquisition of the Schoenfeld quarter will have been somewhat of an anti-climax in comparison. After felling, hauling and shaping the oaken logs for the 34' x 22' x 7' log-house with its central heat, bedrooms, living room, kitchen and dining area plus a spacious loft, the actual construction of the new home for his family must have been sheer joy for dad. A new barn was erected down-wind. And by the end of the eighties the Deloraine Branch of the C.P.R. had been completed and

the four or five-day trips to Emerson were a thing of the past. By this time also the fast growing poplar wind-break west and north of the buildings provided shelter for the little orchard of cherry, plum and apple trees as well as for the entire farm yard. The private village school was re-organized at this time into the Burwalde Protestant Public School and things along Dead Horse Creek were stirring mightily. People's sights were being raised. Dad and mother were finding a new spiritual home.

In a letter from Rev. Heinrich Voth, dated February 10, 1885,¹ Bingham Lake, Minnesota, to Rev. David Dyck, Winkler, we read,

“Von Rempel (Reinland) ging ich auch nach seinem Nachbar Goerzen abends. Dort waren G. Braunen von Berwohl. Da waren wir auch glücklich. Als ich mit ihnen gebetet hatte sagte Braun wenn er mir nicht zu schlecht sei sollte ich mal auch hinkommen, ich könnte bei ihm auch versammlung halten. . . . Dann hatte ich in Schoenfeld bei Esaus Vormittag und Nachmittag Versammlung. Montag fuhr ich nach Hoffnungsfeld, das hat für mich jetzt den rechten Namen.”

The deep spiritual life of the M.B. believers had a strong appeal for our parents and on July 1, 1894, they took the formal step through baptism of joining the brotherhood. Daily family devotions of Bible reading and prayers then characterized the day's routine.

Five more children in the '90's, three girls and two boys, completed the family circle. Grief unspeakable once more came to the home. At the customary fall pig-killing bee in 1895, five-year-old Peter was fatally scalded.

Father rounded out his homestead quarter by the purchase of the SE ¼-S19-3-4 owned at one time by his brother-in-law John Janzen.

At this time he also benefitted by the decision of the federal government to open township One-Six for homesteading purposes. Through purchase from homesteaders looking for a fast buck, dad acquired two sections of the Pembina Hills that have become valuable farm lands. To complete the “land acquisition” story for dad it may be mentioned that some years after this he bought a quarter of S29-T3-R4 one of the two sections the Canadian government had set aside for educational purposes in every township in Western Canada. Sister Annie included this parcel in her land-gift to the church in 1972.

At this time also father was elected to the Burwalde School Board. He served a dozen years in this capacity as board member, as board chairman and as board secretary. During this decade he acquired more and better stock. He exhibited Shropshire sheep, Clydesdale horses and Holstein cattle at the Agricultural Fair at Morden. Buff, blue and red

¹ From Winkler M.B. Church files through the kindness of Frank Brown.



This is the 1901 Burwalde class of 46 pupils with Mr. J. E. Doerr¹ the teacher. However, Mr. Thomas Greenway was the premier of Manitoba only until January 1900. Late that year, Mr. R. P. Roblin took over the premiership. By 1903 Mr. Roblin would surely have taken care of such minor details.

There were Braun and Hoepfner children in school in 1901. Easily recognized are Isaac Braun at the extreme left; Frank Brown is the tallest to the left of the chimney; the four smart-looking girls below and to the right of the chimney could all be Lloyd daughters; George is the tallest one in school; he is followed by Peter Rempel and John Braun. A Hoepfner is at the extreme right. Annie is directly in front of George and Mary is the seven-year-old standing fifth from the left in row number two.

¹ Miss Dorthy Wiebe, "Diamond Jubilee Yearbook of the Burwalde School". Page 16.

tags adorned the beams of the new barn the family built. A new frame house covered with brick veneer consigned the log-house to grain storage along with the old stock barn. A cistern with pump and running-away water in the kitchen definitely reduced one household chore. A large vegetable bin in the basement provided ample space for



The new house and barn. Lined up for the camera are the maid, mother with little Peter, father with Annie and Mary, Isaac, John, Frank, the hired man with Major, George and Jacob.

vegetables and those barrels of Ontario Russetts and Spies. A wood and coal furnace warmed the upstairs bedrooms as well as the living room, dining room and guest-bedroom downstairs.

In a 48-page pamphlet¹ published by The Morden Chronicle in 1900, Mr. F. G. Gailbraith mentions three representative farmers of the period and he adds a few details of their case histories:

“One Gerhard Braun came from Russia with his parents in 1875; in 1879 he was old enough to take a homestead in the Reserve near Morden. In 1900 he owned ten quarter-sections of land, had 24 horses, 20 good milk cows, modern buildings equipped with water and machinery; and a commodious residence. One Jacob Siemens in 25 years accumulated \$50,000 of farm property. One Isaac Wiens came to Manitoba in 1876 with three sons, and by 1900 they were farming 1920 acres of land and owned 100 head of stock. And so one could continue.”

The same writer did continue, “. . . they disproved a tenaciously held theory that the bald and treeless prairie was unsuitable for farming and so opened the way to settlement on thousands of acres of land; they

¹ Winnipeg Free Press, July 28, 1934, page 9. (Charles Clay)

introduced flax seed and the art of flax cultivation to this country; they showed how the Russian thistle could be mastered; they introduced the dahlia, one of the most beautiful of cultivated flowers; they brought the mulberry tree which adapted itself but did not flourish, and they were the first to transplant trees from the bushed areas to the prairie and make blossom leafy paradises where once there were only scrub bushes and sage grass.”

What Gailbraith did not know and could not mention was the fact that the same Mennonite farmers introduced the culture of corn growing under field conditions in Western Canada. They had been growing popping corn and sweet corn along with sunflowers in their gardens in Russia. Our father obtained seed corn via the Midland Railway at Morden a few years after its completion in 1907. At any rate it was prior to WWI or at least during the second decade of the century. The corn matured that year and dad hand-picked many cobs and stored them in the granary loft where the ventilation was good so that the kernel corn would dry. He planted a small acreage to this seed the following spring and repeated this operation with varying success in succeeding years as the frost-free falls varied. At the same time he continued to buy seed corn for field use and found the latter to be superior to his home-grown seed. The field corn was harvested with a corn binder and stooked the same as grain crops. The sheaves were used as cattle fodder for out-door feeding during the winter.

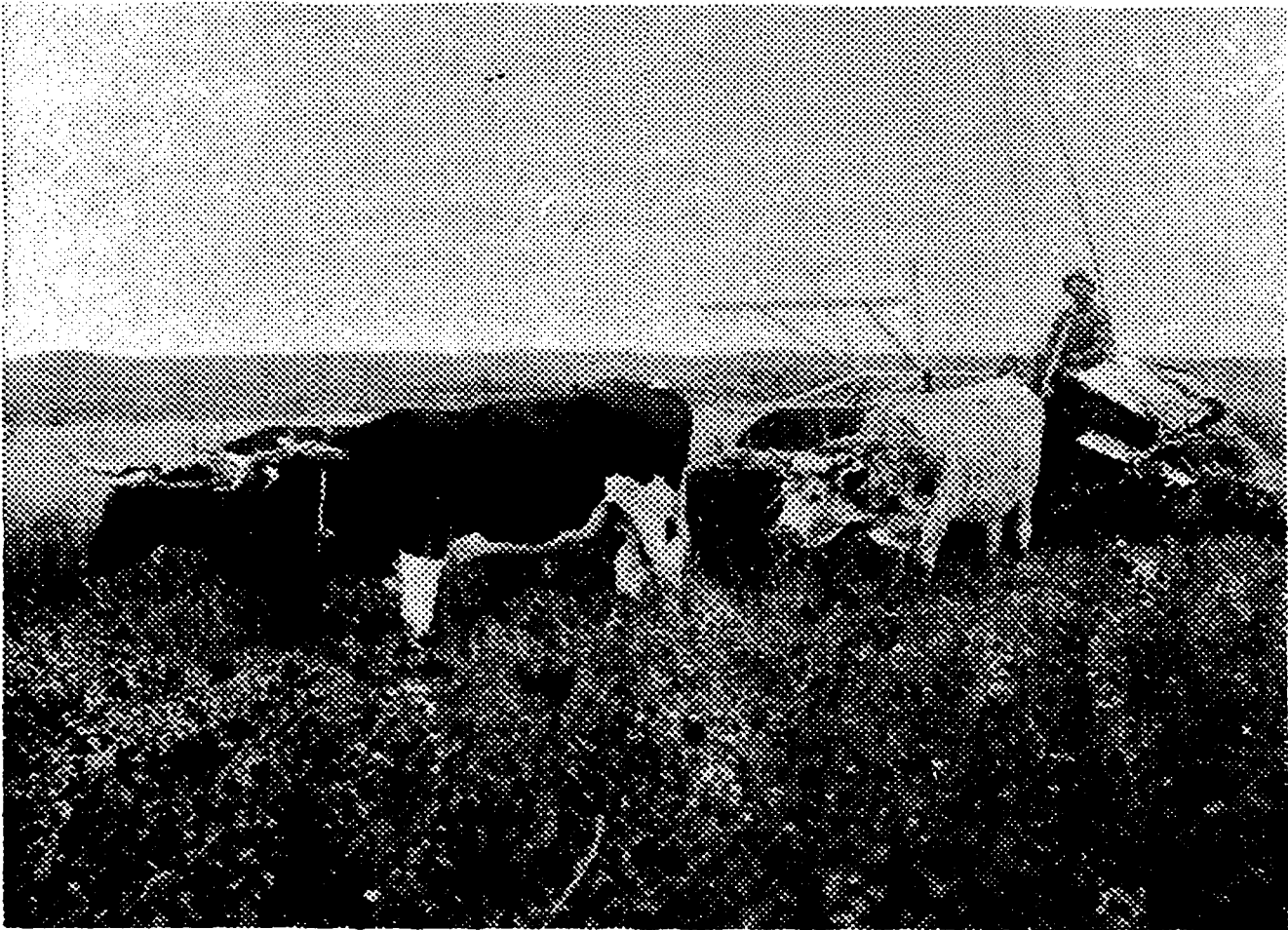
Our father early recognized the value of shelter belts to provide protection against the strong winds that occasionally sweep across the open plains, especially during the winter. As the farm yard was expanded additional rows of trees were planted farther removed from the buildings. I believe it hurt dad to see good stands of poplar, oak, ash and willow to be cut down on the One-Six farms in the process of bringing that land under cultivation.



The Model T used as the stockman's mount.



John is breaking bushland with his Titan.



Scene on One-Six Nicholis Miller farm in early 1890's. Picture provided by Mrs. Eleanor Buchanan, former Diamond school teacher.

The spring cattle drive from Burwalde to One-Six was an annual event from my earliest recollections. A single-box two-horse drawn wagon carrying water and some food, accompanied by one or two out-riders, was the usual outfit for the all-day, 17-mile trip. An early start was always purposed to make the greatest head-way before the heat of day, for even at the beginning of June warm days make the drive hard on the stock and on the riders. Young calves very often had to be taken onto the wagon. A day in the saddle had us landlubbers sore, stiff and uncomfortable before the day was done.

Arrived at the 800-acre pasture, two items had to be checked. The fence had to be walked since trespassers would put the wires down, open gates or worse. To assure an ample supply of water for the cattle, and often some horses, the dams, beaver dams they were, had to be inspected for breaks. If there had been any wash-outs due to heavy rains, or spring run-off, horse-drawn scufflers, scoops, were used to plug the breaks. With enough water and good pasture, there was less likelihood for the stock to break-out.

During the early years the distant pasture would be visited during berry-picking time since raspberries and blueberries were quite a delicacy. Some years the hazel nut crop was another invitation for making the "Mountain" trip.

My earliest recollections of such a trip are concerned chiefly with the sleeping accommodations. This was on the Nicholas Miller farm that my dad acquired in 1900. I recall distinctly waking up beside my father in the haystack. We had slept under the stars. It could have been the following night, or on another occasion that my father took me along to the hills, but this time I was awakened by the singing of a canary quite close to my bed. I was sleeping in a simlin built into the side of a hill on the Miller farm. I soon noticed a ball of binder-twine hanging from a poplar-pole rafter. A canary had found a break in a window pane and had built its nest in the twine-ball. The sun was shining and the sweet songstress filled the air with its thrilling song. Exploring the woods for new flowers, birds, rabbits and squirrels soon added to the joy of visiting the Pembinas. The thumping, strumming noise of the "bush-hen" was probably the mating call of the male. The weird howling and answering back and forth of packs of wolves or foxes from one vantage point to the other was always a bit disquieting or even un-nerving for "prairie-chickens".

Two adult experiences in this area have remained with me. Together with brothers John and Isaac, I made the 17-mile trip in mid-winter, each for a load of poplar poles which we used for fuel. We breakfasted early that morning and were on our way by 5:30 a.m. Draught horses do well to make that trip in 2½ to 3 hours. We reached the woods at sunrise. The poles, (trees), had been cut and each of us put up our own loads except that I was helped with chaining the stakes so as to keep the poles in place during the homeward trip. This had to be done right since the logs would move readily and destroy the equilibrium of the load. We made Burwalde at sundown.

Some years we drove our flock of 50-60 sheep up there to pasture. A flock of sheep destroys a great deal of small brush since sheep will crop any plant right down to the roots. I was given the chore of driving them home that fall.

I had a dog as a companion. It was Rover, and rove he did that day in detaching strays from nibbling at choice tufts of grass, clover or clumps of bushes. He was a definite help in keeping the flock moving. It is one thing to walk seventeen miles in a day and something quite different criss-crossing the road, back and forth through the ditches, pushing the stragglers. This adds considerable mileage in a day and when the ground is rough and uneven it tends to become quite wearisome.

Then, of course, sheep are no creatures to hurry. On their home grounds one can lead a flock of sheep. The shepherd's voice, his bleating calls, the clattering of his feed-pail, are all enough to corral the flock from pasture to pen, but there must be a reward at the end of the road.

Entice them for seventeen miles? No way. They won't laugh at you, but they will ignore you. So then you drive them. Rover helps.

But sheep are likeable, almost lovable. So I call off the dog. They soon sense this. I recalled how I would hide from my father when I had heard he was to dress a lamb or sheep for the family food supply. I had actually looked into those innocent, deep-brown eyes while their throat was being slit. They are dumb and "hold still". I did not want dad to ask me for help.

Traffic does not help in pushing a flock of sheep along. It merely scatters them. Some passers-by insist on stopping and talking. The sheep stop and graze. During the noon-hour I passed the Mountain City school. I knew that was Frank U. Dyck's preserve for the year. I knew I should not have thought about it, but there he came along the road. He was amused at my role as a shepherd. I was not. It was all serious business with me and I wanted those sheep to make tracks for home. By the end of September twilight comes early and I had barely covered half the distance.

The meeting with a brain changed the train of my thoughts. It was now teaching vs. shepherding. I debated the pros and cons of these vocations the rest of the way. After all I had not brought up the rear of the high school classes in my day. Like Goldsmith's village school-master, "I could figure and I could gauge." I could also draw, illustrate and tell the story of the flowers and the bees, nor was I baffled at the thought "that one small head could carry all he knew."

At that point I apparently lost track of time, sheep and miles. Rover, the sheep and I, skirted Morden by two miles and were soon on the final two-mile lap straight north headed for home.

— Peter Brown

I bought every kind of machine that's known —
Grinders, shellers, planters, mowers,
Mills and rakes and plows and threshers —
And all of them stood in the rain and sun,
Getting rusted, warped and battered,
For I had no sheds to store them in,
And no use for most of them.

— Edgar Lee Masters.

At our place we also had every kind of machine that was known on Manitoba farms. Not only that but we had two, three or four of many of them. As the size of the farm and the manpower in the family increased more and better equipment was provided to utilize land and labor more efficiently. We had a steamer and dad bought a gaser. The six-foot binders wasted grain and manpower. We bought eight-footers.

The shoe-type of seeder was much better than the fiddle hand-operated kind that scattered the seed upon the ground. The disc type planted the seed at a uniform depth. Yes, we bought two of these also. The Yellow-Fellow thresher with a straw stacker was a definite improvement on the old Advance with a straw carrier. The riding 14-inch gang-plow was an advance on the walking 12-inchers. I should really know the number of bundle wagons and grain tanks dad could line-up since one of my first threshing-time jobs was to take the Avery jack and grease all the grain and bundle wagons; "don't forget the fifth wheel!"

More to the point, though, dad did build "sheds to store them in." The first of those machinery sheds measured 24' x 50' and was built of black poplar lumber. It housed the two 6' retired Massey-Harris binders which were no longer used in my day. In it there were also two new Superior seed-drills, some grain wagons, gang plows, a cultivator, three or four bob-sleighs and harrow beams. A second implement shed built during the 'teen years was wider but had the same length. It stored the old Advance thresher after its retirement as well as the 8'-binders, some grain tanks and the mowers. The hay racks were removed from the wagons and the latter were then stored in the shed for the winter.

For the record I should mention that this shed was torn apart and the pieces scattered by a tornado. The old separator was thrown on its side and some sheep, which had sought shelter from the storm here, were pinned underneath. With wheels and baggers such as there are on the sides of threshers, I believe no sheep were killed. We gathered the pieces, put the Advance back on its wheels and rebuilt the storage shed. It had seen its best days and it was never very solid after this.

Onto the south end of the old "log-house" granary Dad build a really commodious storage shed for the Yellow Fellow separator and the Avery steamer which spot was later assigned to the Flour City gas tractor.

The stone hog barn, was a massive 36' x 60' structure with concrete floors throughout, 2'-thick walls seven feet to the ceiling and a high loft used for feed storage. A well with an ample water supply just outside the front door made this a convenient set-up to house and feed a hundred pigs at a time. A half-acre pasture and run-way on the north-east corner of the barn provided adequate grazing, exercising and wallowing opportunities for the swine.

This stone building, the first stock barn, and the old log-house formed the northern delineation of the farmyard. The above mentioned two storage sheds, a hundred yards due east, were in line with these three buildings.

The new stock barn, 30' x 60', was extended twice. To the north for a cattle barn by the same dimensions and to the south by the same

length but four feet wider for more horses. Once in full use with hay, cut-oat sheaves and oats in the lofts of this stable, I never saw the bare floors up there again. Along the west side of this long structure an 18' wide lean-to has been attached. It was used for feed-preparation and as a buggy garage. Across the north end of it all was a loose-housing cattle shed.

— P.B.

Box 137,
Austin, Man.

Dear Mr. Brown:

We have had foster children in our home for nine years. We do have four of them at present. There is never a dull moment with these kiddies. We have ponies and bikes for them. They enjoy the beaches here and they do a great deal of swimming.

Jake was a member of the school board while the rural schools were still operated by the people. He has been the president of the school board for the mentally retarded children. I enjoyed teaching in the workshops for these unfortunates. More recently I have been keeping our own home fires burning.

Yes, we have been a farming family for 29 years. It was mixed farming with grain and cattle. Our Dorothy is an LPN nurse. Her husband is a carpenter. Three of our sons are with the C.N.R. and Marvin is with Carnation Foods at Carberry. I was happy to serve as secretary for our Mission Aid group at church.

Jacob and Katherine Braun.

Key to abbreviations:

John Jones, farmer, 1S, mixed, 40; sch trustee, councillor, co-op dr; BC, Calif; woodwork; UC, SS; '65 VW, b&w, WrW; RD, Time, WP, FPPF.

This means that John Jones took Grade X, he operates a one section mixed farm, he has done so for 40 years; he has served as a school trustee, he has been a councillor and has served as a director of a co-operative; he has holidayed in BC and in Calif.; his hobby is woodworking. He belongs to the United Church and serves as a SS teacher; he drives a 1965 VW; they have a black & white TV and use a wringer washer and reader the Readers' Digest, Time magazine, Western Producer and Free Press Prairie Farmer.

THE GERHARD BRAUN BIOGRAPHIES

Gerhard Braun, pioneer farmer, mixed, 3S, Sch trustee, sec., and chairman; thresher, horse lover, corn grower, M.B.; read widely.

Anna Janzen, hsekpr, gardening, sewing, knitting, loved her Bible, M.B.

George G. Brown, IX, Farmer, ½S, small fruits Mixed, Diamond Sch Trustee, Bd. Ch. ND, Man., Sask., V8 Ford, CG, FPPF, Times, Decision, violin, WC, ND, WrW, Low Germ., Eng.

Eliz. E. Dyck, IX, Teacher, EI, Glencross, Hsekpr, SS, MB, choir, SS sewing, knitting, reading, music.

Wilfred B. Brown, XII, teacher, rural 30; farmer, ½S, mixed-St. grain, sch trustee, pres MFU local 4; MB, sch choir. Canada, phtog'y, music, US. '72 GMC Truck, '66 Chev, b&w, CG, FPPF, USA, BC. Sat. Eve. Post, RD, Eng. WrW.

Anna Bettoff, VIII, hsekpr, factory supervisor, MB, WrW, MB Herald, Decision. EI dryer, Eng.

Harold Brown, XI, cat op, garage mech'c; Farmer, 3 8S, mixed, Sch bus driver, EMC, choir leader, violin, WC, SS teacher, '61 Chev. farm mags, b&w, Eng. Lo Germ.

Mary Wiebe, VIII, hsekpr; EMC choir leader, WrW.

William John (Norman) Brown, XI, Farmer, ½S, mixed, Pipeline welder, Transfer dr. light plane pilot, Hunting enthusiast by aeroplane for foxes and wolves; '60 Olds farm mags, Eng. J3 Piper 2 place plane — 65HP

Doris Demke, VIII, Hskpr. Avid reader — paper backs, WrW, Eng.

Marianne Brown, XII, Bkkpr, (gov't) hsekpr.

Abram Letkeman, VII, Laborer, Swifts, '68 Cougar, '70 Meteor, Eng., b&w, WrW.

Dorothy Brown, XII, Bkkpr, hsekpr., Grant Memorial, pianist, b&w, Better Homes, Eng.

Douglas Wiebe, XII, Insurance Underwriter Actuary, GM, Wpg, '68 Ford, Toronto Star, Eng.

W. Russell Brown, XII, Metro Bus dr, GM, Wpg., '64 Chev Impala, Eng.

Ivy Hardy, XII, Clerk typist Hsekpr., GM, Wpg., b&w, RD, Decision, Times.

Daniel Brown, XII, Radio Announcer, b&w, '71 Opel GT, Mexico, Europe, Eng.

Leslie Brown, XI, Student, MB, Eng.

Art. Harold Brown, IX, Transport dr., MB (Killarney), '63 Olds HT, Sports, Eng. Lo Germ.

Nettie Dyck, X, Hsekpr., b&w.

Rob Vic Brown, VIII, Transport dr., '68 Chevelle, Eng.

Patricia Brown, IX, Office (Vancouver), Eng.

Murray Brown, IX, Transport dr., '63 Ford HT Eng.

Stanley Brown, Farmmaster factory, '62 Fairlane, Eng.

Percy Brown, XI, Transfer and Truck dr, Polio Cripple, '60 Ford, Eng.

Elaine Brown, XII, Secretary, '62 Plymouth, Eng.

Frank R. Brown, Farmer, grain 5/4S, 50; sch trustee, councillor; MB Evangel Free, Co-op org'n, '68 Pontiac Parisienne; b&w.

Justina Redekop, hsekpr, cooking, hostess.

Esther Brown. X. hsekpr, Baptist. music, Chev Belair.

Elvin Ratzlaff, garage mechanic, jeweller, sells to retailers, painter, exhibits in Vancouver. color, Life, Time, Calif, Hawaii.

Ted Brown, IX, farmer, grain, 4½S, councillor, coop dr; Alliance, SS teacher, Gideon, Canada east and west; '72 Cadillac de Ville
Gertrude Brandt, Hsekpr.

Marvin Brown, farmer, mixed, 1S, UB, '69 Chev, color.
Marjorie Costly, XII, hsekpr.

Brian Brown, XI, farmer, grain.

Grace Brown, XII, hsekpr, secretary, Alliance, b&w.
Wayne Gies, XII, assist't bk mgr; skating, hockey coach, '71 Olds.

Herbert Val Brown, X, farming, ser, st., 10; MB, choir, YP, '72 Buick, color.
Ruth Ries, XII, hsekpr, mgr. MB, SS teacher, choir, Calif, Arizona.

John G. Brown, VI, Farmer, mixed, 1 S Diamond & Burwalde sch trustee, Dir: Winkler Co-op service, Stanley Consumers, ch Winkler Credit Union, Winkler Hospital ch Winkler councillor. MB. deacon, choir, YP. Fishing, curling, Mexico, MacLeans, RD. FPW. CG, Zionsbote, Estate executor, '61 Falcon, Lo Germ, Eng.

1. Susan Rempel, III, HseW, MB, choir, WrW, Lo Germ.
2. Helen Rempel, V, HseW, Bible Sch, MB, Los Angeles BI, SS teacher, choir.

Elma Brown, XII, teacher, hosp & Co-op, acc't, MB, SS teacher, mission group sec & pres. AW, color, Eng. '71 Ford Fairlaine.

George Brown, IX, salesman, Versatile employee, machinist, broaching, C.O. Calvary Temple, b&w, coin laundry, MB Herald.

Nettie Loewen, VIII, HseW, saleslady, knitting, sewing, number painting, crocheting, Seventeen, Eng. Pacific coast.

Ronald Brown, XII, BSc, PhD, Post Doctoral, Chem, McGill U staff, Baptist, color, Eng.

Louise Hooge, XII, U of Ill., biology, baby sitter, Baptist, coin wash.

Stephen Brown, XII, BA, BEd, teacher el, Baptist, b&w, AW.

Carol Guenther, VIII, Baptist, Eng. Banff.

Pamela Brown, XII, Clerical, Calvary Temple, music, records, skating, Eng. '67 Dodge Dart.

Eliz Brown, IX, LPN, Altona Hosp. HseW, Winkler Bible Sch, MB, SS teacher but active in Altona GC church: Women's circle & SS., gardening, sew, knit, FPW, SD, WrW, Eng, Lo Germ, b&w.

George Enns, VII, farmer, mixed, 325 ac, Echo. CG, MB Herald, WP.

Walter Brown, VIII, farmer, mixed carpentry, dr at Stanley Cons. MB, CVO, WrW, b&w, Eng.

Katherine Toews, VIII, HseW, MB, knitting, sewing, shell work.

John Don Brown, XII, appl'n in for RCMP, Eng.

Darlene Ann Brown, XI, plans for LPN.

J. Harry Brown, X, farmer, grain, 560 ac, dr: Winkler Co-op Ser, Winkler Co-op Trucking Stanley Agri'l Soc, MB, SS teacher, Attended W Bible Sch, curling, bowling, California, BC '70 Ford ½ton truck.

S. Elsie Braun, X, ARCT, music teacher, Stretch & Sew (licensed), dr: Stanley Agri'l Soc. treas: Mary-Martha fellowship, MB, teach piano, sewing, tennis, curling, WrW, b&w, Ford galaxie Eng.

Roderick Brown, XII, laborer, sports, '64 Mercury Mont.

Jeanette Brown, XII, HseW, factory employee, Volleyball, '64 Ford Galaxie, Eng.

John Hildebrand, IX, Laborer, Factory laborer, hockey, baseball, b&w, Lo Germ, Eng.

Susan Brown, XII, Steno, HseW, pianist, MB

Ben Faulk, dairy farmer, mixed, 7/4S, ship milk to cheese plant dr. Co-op dr, ARDA dr, 4H dairy club leader, Member recreational centre, Pontiac '67 Laurentian, WrW, b&w, Eng.

Mary Brown, XII, RN, HseW, nursing, Eng. AW, color.

Bill Shebaylo, Farmer, cattle, trucker, Dept mgr. salesman, Mount Batten Baptist, Alaska Flowers, fishing, '67 Dodge, '68 Pontiac.

Isaac Brown, VI, farmer, mixed, ½S, GC, SS, Choir, school trustee
Gertrude Giesbrecht, VII, hsekpr, GC, SS, Choir, gardening

Annie Brown, hsekpr, deceased, GC.

Arnold Hiebert, independent lbr dlr, 21; flying, fishing, GC, teaching young m'd couples. Penn, Que, Cuba, BC, '67 Mercury, b&w, '68 150 Cessna, Calif, Jamaica.

Estelle Hiebert, hsekpr, UC, music, art, Eng.

Earl Warnicka, XII, BA, BSc, MSc; lo; teaching in Jamaica; UC, fishing, Eng. car.

Shirley Hiebert, hsekpr, Class A teach Cert. Yamaha music, sewing, Grace Menn. Steinbach, organist, b&w.

John Bestvater, XII, BA, BEd, Sch principal, Steinbach, flying, sports, GM, Steinbach, SS teacher; '71 Ford, Jamaica, E&W Canada.

Ruth Hiebert, hsekpr, ch'ns choir & church organist, music, Portage Anglican Ch; b&w.

Charles Friesen, farming, curl, golf, Clear Lake, '66.

Beverley Hiebert, XII, nurses' aid, Wpg; Briercree HS 2 yrs; music, sports; Clear Lake, Black Hills.

Bernice Hiebert, XII, Children's Aid Worker, Briercree HS 2 yrs; music; Clear Lake, Black Hills.

Jacob Brown, VIII, Farmer, 27, mixed, 300 ac, Installation Western Flyer Coach, Morris; Emmanuel Gospel, SS, Choir, '67 Pontiac, b&w, WP, CG, Echo, FPPF.

Mabel Karlenzig, VIII, Hsekpr, EG, SS, Choir, Paints, sews, knits, crochets; WrW.

Vernon Brown, IX, Laborer, Construction, Grain Buyer, b&w, daily FP

Laurette Frobisher, VI, Hsekpr, WrW.

Dennis Brown, X, Bus Driver, Wpg. GC, Camping, '65 Buick, b&w.

Margaret Henzie, XI, Accountant, Hsekpr, GC WrW.

John I. Brown, XII, BA, BEd, MA; Sch Teacher, carpentry, woodwork, gardening, reading

Annie Heide, Hsekpr, seamstress, sewing

George Brown, IX, Licensed plumber & gas fitter — 15 yrs, GC, SS, choir, mixed quartet; ch mission committee; welding, reading, New York to Calif, '69 Ford Ltd. Mennonite Reporter. RD, Carillon News, Eng. Co-operator, Gemeindeblatt.

Sophie Hiebert, VII, Hsekpr, AW, Eng. Young Ambassador.

Gordon Brown, 3rd yr. U, Third yr. U of W student; reading; '67 Chev, WrW, Eng.

Violet Zehr, BA, pt Master's; Hi Sch Eng teacher X-XII; Eng.

Grace Brown, XII, 2nd Yr U, 2nd Yr BSch. Receptionist, typist, Jr Hi music teacher, SS Super., music program, reading, restoring old furniture, sewing, '69 Dodge Corn. AW, Eng.

Lee Roy Bartel, XII, 2nd Yr BSch; Jr. Hi music teacher; private music instr, piano; Evangelical MC, Black Hills, Eng. Time, RD, Chat., Nat'l Geographic, Woman's Day.

Gerald Brown, XII, 1st yr. B. Sch, construction bldg, GC, YP, '70 Gremlin GM.

Irene Reimer, XII, RN, GC models, painting, reading.

Garry Brown, XI, Laborer, BC to Calif. '65 Parisienne, Eng.

Bruce Brown, Western Flyer Coach.

Brian Brown, Western Flyer Coach.

Hannah Brown, Hsekpr, EMMC.

Edward Penner, Farmer, EMMC.

Kenneth Penner, XII, BSc, Cert. of Ed'n; Jr. High Teacher, Guitarist; EMMC, Church Council, SS, choir director; '66 Ambassador, Ont. NY.

Elsa Gerestein, Hsekpr.

Carol Johanna Penner, ARCT.

Garry Pollard, Assistant pastor, Band Leader.

Billy Gordon Brown, Business mgr, sch trustee, GC, church council, '66 Meteor, '64 Comet.

Ann Doell, Hsekpr, GC, b&w, mid-Canada.

Ralph Isaac Brown, Student.

Louella Brown, Hsekpr, music teacher, GC, choir leader, pianist, SS LA Pres, MCC rep at Prairie View Hospital; MCC Kitchener centre; '64 Meteor, '66 Chev 1/2T, Mexico, Calif.

Abram Peters, XII, Farmer, 1000 ac, grad of farm business course, GVCI Sch Trust., GC, Ailsa Craig Boys' Farm, Church Sec. SS.

Annie Brown, IX, farming, 3/4 S, grain; MB; SS; Tabor Home nursing 9 years; Flowers, gardening; Calif, BC, Peace River; Decision, Times, Broadcaster, MB Herald, Protestant Action.

Mary Brown, VI, HseW, MB, Lo Germ, WrW.

Jacob Rempel, IV, farmer, mixed, 1 Sec, Sch trustee, MB, BC, Dodge sedan, color, BC to Calif.

Alice Rempel, Hsekpr, MB, WrW, color, Eng.

Albert Broadbent, Farmer, mixed, 1/2S, dr Brown Swiss Assoc., UC, Calif, BC, Beaumont, Eng, Brown Swiss Bulletin.

Ruth Rempel, XII, BEd, teacher, el, 25 yr, B.C.T.F., Int'n'l Read. Assoc, LPN, Hawaii, curling, photography, travel, reading, Eng. Imperial Oil Review, b&w, '67 Ford coach, Time, Life, AW dr, MacLeans, RD, Hawaii.

George Rempel, X, farming, 1S, mixed, Co-op El, hunt, fish, BC, upper US, color, b&w, '71 Dodge, SD, Eng.

Helen Brick, X, telephone op, HseW, garden, flowers, sewing.

Jim Rempel, VII, farmer, grain, hunt, curl, BC, Eng, color, '64 Rambler, member of Morden band.

Mary Jane Rempel, XII, HseW, GC, SD Thunder Bay, color, Lo Germ-Eng.

Ike Knelson, VII Salesman, Life Ins, New Gym Salesman, GC, Forrester, '63 Lincoln, mid-US.

Gertrude Brown, hsekpr, music teacher, GC, music, photographer, WrW, RD, Time.

Wm. Giesbrecht, farmer, trucker, mixed, 900; sch trustee; GC, CU bd vice pres. Oil St bd vice pres. Store bd, El sch bd; '68 Meteor Rideau, FP, WP, CG.

Mary Anne Giesbrecht, RN, GC, music.

Herb Kuhl, XII, X-ray Reg technician, GC, Photography, '69 Dodge Coronet.

Richard Giesbrecht, Farmer, music — guitar '72 Chevelle, Malabu.

Peter Isaac Brown, Farmer, mixed; GC, usher, '68 Ford 1/2T truck.

Mathilda Groening, Hsekpr, GC, SS, b&w.

Virginia Brown, hsekpr., GC, SS, color.

Gerald Doell, Barber, hairdresser, GC, SS, church board.

Terrance Brown, Rd constr, band leader, private pilot; b&w.

Ricki Harper, Stewardess, hsekpr.

Peter Brown, XII, BSA, BEd; Six graduate courses in Ed'n Uni of Chi, Industrial Arts Certificate, Cadet Instructors' Certificate. On Bd of Drs Man. Ed'l Ass., M.T.S., Man. Teachers' Edowment Fund, Altona-Gretna Teachers' Local; Pres. Altona-Gretna Teachers' Local; Director of M.T.S. Summer Sch Seminar in Sch Adm'n & Supervision; Taught Agriculture at University Summer school. El teacher in Greenfarm, Haskett & Broadlands; Maths, Sc and Eng instructor in MCI, principal of Gretna Pub Sch, 13 yrs; dean MCI men's residence, principal Winkler Coll Inst, 14 yrs, Viscount Alexander, Maths & Sc, 1 yr, St. John's High Sch, 8 yrs; Edited and Published the first Yearbooks of Gretna MCI, the Gretna Public School, Winkler Bethel Hospital and the Winkler Collegiate Institute; National Film Board circuit projectionist; C.D.A. Field Crop Inspection Service; Pres. Gretna M.C.I. Alumni Ass; On M.A.C. faculty inter-class championship debating team, play-acting and Yearbook com; Press reporter at Gretna and Winkler for Wpg Free Press, Wpg Tribune, Morden Times, Altona Echo, Winkler Progress, Mennonite Weekly Review, and the weekly magazine TIME; Charter member Co-op Vegetable Oils, Southern Manitoba Broadcasting Co., Gardenland Packers and on Board of Directors and Board secretary CVO, 15 yrs; on Bd. of Drs, and Vice-pres, CFAM; Pres. Gardenland Packers; Bd. Sec. Winkler Co-op Creamery; Winkler Bethel Hospital board member; Pres. Winkler Hospital District No. 24; Member and Vice-pres. Pembina Hills Historical Society, Manitoba Historical Society medalist, Manitoba Mennonite Historical Society member; Public Opinion researcher for Gruneau Research, Complan Research, Contemporary Research, Sanford Evans Services, ORC International and Industrial Market Research; Member Gretna Village Council; Member Bethel Mennonite Church, Wpg, Bd of Trustees, Recording secretary, Membership statistician; One of two administrators of the Estates of my father and of my mother; Presently using a '70 air-conditioned LTD Brougham Ford, reading Time, Life, CG, Macleans, RD, Uni Journal, Popular Science, M.W. Review,

- R.R. Echo, Manitoba Co-operator, Mennonite Mirror. Have travelled in NA, SA and Western Europe. Hobbies: Color photography, reading, woodwork, and 1S farm.
- Mary Friesen, XII, pt Third Yr Arts, teacher, hsekpr; Isbister Scholarship winner, Grade A First Class Teacher's Certificate, took Kindergarten teachers' Course, taught in rural schools three yrs, MCI school choir; member BMC, SS teacher, as WMS member convened and chaired Senior Citizens' social programmes, wrote plays for WMS programmes, active in hospital visitations, secretary for Mission Outreach, supervisor of the Cradle Roll for the SS, member of the Missions and Service committee in charge of the work at the Union Gospel Mission, sec. for Missions Frauen Verein; occupied with sewing, knitting, quilting, gardening, flowers, reading, collecting poems and household hints; sports: skating, tennis, swimming, curling, basketball; Reads Mennonite Mirror, MB Journal, Missions Today Rejoice, Macleans, Time, RD, CG, M.W. Review, The Echo, Morden Times; travelled to the three MW Conferences: Kitchener, Amsterdam and Curitiba.
- Lorraine Brown, XII, B.Sc., (H.Ec.), Specialist Teaching Certificate; Teacher: Home Ec in Steinbach, and in Glenwood; Jr. High History and Science in Bonavista; Restaurant Chef teacher federal program, Devils Lake, Therapeutic teaching dietitian St. Michael's Hospital, Grand Forks; Therapeutic dietitian, Kings View Hospital, Reedley-MCC volunteer; Red Cross W.S.I. certificate; Swimming instructor, Y.W.C.A. Fargo; MB, SS, Choir member, Winkler, Elmwood; Grace United Methodist, Moorhead; chairman, Women's Circle; Church sch co-ordinator, Cub Scout den mother, sewing, pottery, candle making, children's crafts, furniture refinishing, swimming, macrame, AW, Eng, Singer "Touch & Sew" machine, color and b&w, Time, Life, RD.
- Jack Neufeld, XII, BA, (Goshen); MA, and PhD, UND. College professor — Ed'I Psychology, MCC V.S. team Nfld '56-'57; farming ½S Rosebank, 40 acre at Lake Park, Minn., horses & cattle, on Moorhead State College staff; MB, SS, Choir, Morden; Grace United Methodist; lay leader, SS teacher, board member, conference delegate, youth director, choir conductor; farming, fishing, big-game hunting, skiing, gardening, supporting two orphans in Korea; '70 Saab, '64 Chev, '62 Ford Pickup, F12 & Fordson tractors, 14' fibreglass boat, Eng, German, Lo Germ, Psychology Today, Ed'I Psychology Adolescence.
- James Lovering, XI, BSc, MA, PhD; Economist, Economic Improvement Corp. Charlottetown, P.E.I. Commissioner, Village of Sherwood; Counsellor, PEI Institute of Agrologists; Geographer, Canada Mines & Natural Resources, Ottawa, 1961-1964; Economist, Canada Department of Agriculture, Regina, 1966-1968; 1968-1970, Economist Economic Improvement Corporation, Charlottetown, PEI, ½S farm; St. Mark's Presbyterian, trap shooting, swimming, photography; Can. Agr. Econ. Soc, Am. Agr. Econ. Assoc, Agr. Inst. of Can, PEI Inst. of Can. Honors Soc of Phi Kappa Phi; '67 Acadian 12' boat, Macleans, Atlantic, Geographer, Canada Mines and Technical Surveys; Eng. Has published: 1. Regional Geography Whitemouth River Valley; 2. Agricultural Land in the Fort Vermilion-La Crete Area of Alberta; 3. Agricultural Development Possibilities, Renfrew County, Ontario; 4. Farm Adjustment plans, North Shore Area, Nova Scotia.
- Frances Lovering, XII, BSc (Hons), Dip, in Ed'n; Science mistress Balmoral School for Girls, private tutoring Science, hsekpr; St. Mark's Presbyterian, SS teacher Elmwood, Choir, MB; Sang Weekly at All Saints' Nursing Home; University VCF; SS and choir, Winkler MB; Winkler Coll Inst Orchestra; Drama directing; skating, curling, swim, snow-shoeing, hiking; b&w, AW, Eng, Red Cross Blood Transfusion Service; Technical Animal Husbandry, Cornell U, Ithica, NY, Newsweek.
- Grace Brown, XII, RN, 5 yrs nursing, MB, SS, choir, active in NCF, Women's Auxiliary, sewing, gardening, b&w, AW, Eng.
- Victor Neufeld, XII, BSc, BTh, MSW, Social worker at Mary Mound, Pres. of Man. Ass. of S.W., MB, council member, active in youth work, photography, fishing, '68 Acadian, Time, Life, RD, Eng., Social Service Review.
- Douglas Brown, XII, BSA, MSA candidate, CDA employee three summers, plant breeding; GC, SS, choir, Young People, boating, gardening, '71 Toyota, Time, Life, RD, CG, RD, Eng.
- Arlene Braun, XII, RN, nursing at Concordia & Victoria hospitals, GC, SS, choir, b&w, sewing, singing, boating, Eng.
- Elizabeth Brown, XI, teacher, hsekpr, GC, Lo Germ, Eng., WrW, b&w
- Jac. T. Giesbrecht, VIII, Farmer, 5/4S, mixed, councillor RM Roland 20 yrs, GC, RD, Chatelaine
- George Giesbrecht, XI, Farmer, ½S, grain, Ham radio, TV repairs, boating, flying, fishing, GrM, Ont. TO BC, Yellowstone, '66 Rambler, Time, Life, Pop Sc.
- Katherine Friesen, VIII, hsekpr, GrM.
- John W. Giesbrecht, XII, farmer, councillor, mixed, 2½S, Ch'an Winkler Hos Bd, Midland sch Bd, Ex Lisgar PC, GC, Ont. to BC, '67 Meteor, b&w, RD, Pop Sc,
- Tina Penner, XII, teacher, hsekpr, GC, WrW, SD, Chat. Myrtle WI, Eng.
- Ruth Giesbrecht, XII, teacher, hsekpr, Sch trustee, W. C. Miller, GC, b&w, AW, Dr, Eng, '66 St. wgn, RD.

John Enns, X, GM, CVO, 20 yrs, GC, Dr Co-op Trust of Can, Canada, US, Central America, Time, Macleans, Chat, NG, Chr Liv. Many trade magazines

Betty Giesbrecht, XII, teacher, el, UC, WI, UCW, Rebekah Lodge, golf, curling, bridge, ceramics; RD, NG, Chat, MM, The Educator, SD, Cons report, Eng.

Delorie Howell, XII, BA, BEd, teacher, UC, Sup't, Pres minor hockey, Lions, Kiwanis, MTS salary co-ordinator, Canada, Yellowstone, color, b&w, Eng. '69 Polara St. Wgn., '71 Datsun

David Giesbrecht, XII, Assessor 7 yrs, BSA Pilot Air Canada, First Officer, 5 yrs, UC, Wood-working, model airplanes, NG, '62 VW, '65 Chev, color

Julia Schubert, XII, Hsekpr, Denmark, Ottawa, Van.

Arthur Giesbrecht, XII, RCMP, Langley, BC, color

Diane Pike, XI, Hsekpr, SD

Leonard Giesbrecht, XI, Agri Dip, Farmer, mixed, 1/2S, Constr Cat Op, '64 Chev, b&w

Geraldine McNiece, XII, Man Hydro Office, UC, WrW

Adelaide Giesbrecht, XII, BSc (HEc) teacher, HEc, St. Vital, music, reading, cooking, sewing, AW, Ford Mustang, color, Life, Time.

Isai Edward Lujan, BA, MA, music teacher, Chat, Gd Hsekpg, 86-1 Snow St, Ft Gar.

Janice Eileen Giesbrecht, XII student Midland — George's son

Albert John Giesbrecht, XII student Midland — John's son

David John Enns, XII student Miller — Ruth's son

Robert Howell, BSc student Brandon U — Betty's son

Chilliwack, B.C.,
Nov. 15, 1971.

Dear Uncle Peter,

Your letter was quite a surprise. I've helped with different family trees, but have never come across questions like you ask and expect to be answered. It's more like a census paper than a family tree. I'm sorry to disappoint you but I'm not filling it out. Those are personal questions and don't fit or belong into a family tree book.

Esther.



Richard Giesbrecht



Marvin Giesbrecht

SIX OF US, ALL DIFFERENT.



Jacob



George



Frank



John



Isaac



Peter



Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Brown with their children Douglas and Dorothy, Russell and Ivy, and sons Daniel and Leslie.



Helen Vieler and Jacob Braun, a 1910 wedding picture.



Mrs. Helen Braun enjoying life at ninety-four. That is good, Helen!



DANN BROWN

SERENADE—2:05-3:00 p.m.

Dann Brown is your host on SERENADE each afternoon—a program of familiar and light classics.

HOUR OF HYMNS—3:05-4:15 p.m.

The program features your best-loved hymns—in the traditional and familiar style.



Linda and Otto, very young.

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Mrs. Elizabeth (George) Brown and son Wilfred studying the list of Glencross school teachers, where Wilfred followed his mother after an interval of fifty years and stayed on for ten years until the school was closed in 1969.

LIKE MOTHER, LIKE SON

A rare family achievement came to light in connection with the Teachers Roll Call during the Manitoba Centennial celebrations held on the Glencross school grounds July 19, 1970. Miss Lizzie E. Dyck, (Mrs. G. G. Brown), #30, and her son, Wilfred Boyd Brown, #61, both answered the roll call. Mrs. Brown was the 1909 teacher and Wilfred followed her fifty years later and served from 1959 to 1969 when the school was closed due to a revamping of school organizations in Manitoba that resulted in the closing of most rural schools in the province.

Other teachers well known and remembered in the community whose names appeared on the brochure outlining the activities for the day, and the years of their service, include Mr. John R. Walkof, #27, 1906; Mr. Jacob E. Dyck, #31, 1910; Miss Annie Enns, #33, 1914; Miss Mary Derksen, #41, 1926; Miss Louise Derksen, #42, 1928; Miss Mary J. Loewen, #45, 1932; Mr. Ben Klippenstein, #46, 1933; Miss Dorothy Wiebe, #49, 1942; Mr. Herman Rempel, #48, 1939, and Mr. Isaac H. Voth, #58, 1951.

Rough hewn oak logs were used in the construction of the first Glencross schoolhouse. This was replaced in 1899 with a stone building. In 1941 the stone school was demolished and replaced with one of lumber.

The pioneers of Glencross with English names like Borthwick, (1819); Bell, (1882); Kennedy, (1882); Mitchell, (1882); Pope, (1882); Johnstone, (1883); Wilson, (1883); Bradley, (1885); Bedford, (1888); Parker, (1889); Stodder, (1889); Fraser, (1890); and McKay, (1899); appear on the Land Titles office records.

The Glencross school is located immediately north of the old wagon trail, Post Road, which ran from Emerson past Gretna, then zig-zagged slightly northwestward past the school and continued on to D'Allard's Point, usually called Lookout Point, located on a rising height of land used by the Indians to send smoke signals from Walhalla to Miami. Alexander Henry viewed the undulating stretches of prairie in the flats below from this height during his explorations from 1803 to 1809. Today the electrically lit village streets, farmyards and homes give these plains an urbanized appearance at night intensified by the heavy concentration of motor vehicles on the good roads of the Mennonite community.

Price-conscious present day school-tax payers will be interested in the Glencross school board minutes of 1881 which are concerned with the accounts payable: 1 pail, 30¢; 1 axe handle, 25¢ 1 broom, 30¢; 5 pounds nails, 25¢; 1 fire shovel, 20¢; 1 window pane, 8¢. A \$200 loan cost the school district 15% interest. Fire insurance on the school and contents was \$1.50 for 1900.

Prices in other school districts will have approximated those charged in Glencross.

ALL ON A WINTRY DAY IN THE HILL COUNTRY

Through the night Dad had stoked the old Air-Tight with dry oak stumps. In the morning, before day dawned, up the stairs he called, "Arise, come down. Time to Chore. Now."

With that he added another oak root to the blaze, opened the draft and left the house. By the time I came down to the cozy warmth the "furnace" was going in a low rumble. Still sleepy and chilled from my bedroom temperature, I took considerable time to get ready for the frigid outdoors. I was convinced it was a cold day. I dressed slowly and carefully. I took some time to warm each pair of socks. The overalls and moccasins were cold and stiff, I warmed them. I warmed my double pair of mitts and my wind-breaker.

The knob on the outside storm-door was frost-coated. That thirty-below north-west air outdoors had a cutting edge to it. How I longed to go back to that central heating system that gave us such a comfortable home.

The snow was deep and the wind across my face felt as though coarse sandpaper was being drawn across cheeks and nose. As I walked I remembered how I used to slide into the deep snow off the path to the barn. Now I turned with the wind for a bit of shelter.

In the barn was the survival unit: the cows, the horses, the pigs and the sheep. They provided milk, cream, butter, meat, cooking oil, warm clothing and transportation. They all had to be cared for — for they cared for us.

After a hot breakfast of warm quick oats, hot toast, milk and butter, it was out into that biting cold once more. With sharp axes we headed for the wood lot down the valley. Dad was in the driver's seat and drove the fast-stepping team; Frank, the hired hand, and I sat on the bunk at the back of the sleigh.

It was better in the bush. The winds whistled over the tall tree tops and the brush sheltered us below while we pawed the snow away from the tree trunks. Standing in the shelter of the scooped out hollow around the tree we were chopping down, we soon forgot about the chill of the day. Clouds of steam were rising from the nostrils of the nearby tethered blanketed horses. They appeared to be content. All three of us were busily clearing away brush, moving snow and chopping one tree after the other and keeping comfortably warm doing it. Then a shrill yelp from Frank.

Just as Dad swung his axe to cut away a sappling, Frank stepped back into position to fell the next tree. Yes, you guessed it. The axe neatly cut the man's high rubber overshoe, felt socks, socks, the back of his leg and Frank fell. The sinews had been severed.

Dad gave the instructions. I was the driver. Frank was the passenger. My father held him so that he would stay on the sleigh. I gave the horses the reins. They responded well. Incidentally, it was no longer cold. Blood oozed out of the slit felt sock as we reached the house. It stained the crisp white snow.

Mother was her usual self. She remained calm. She nursed Frank. By late spring Frank was walking again.

— Harold E. Brown,
R.R. #1, Austin, Man.



A 1966 family gathering at Elma Brown's home in Winkler; front row l to r: Annie Brown, Mrs. Peter Brown, Mrs. Mary Knelson, Mrs. Jake Rempel; Back row: John Enns, Jacob Rempel, Wilfred Brown, Peter Brown, Harry Brown, George Enns.

ONE-SIX

			To Morden ↑			
James Rehill 1909	Archibald Buchanan 1914	Jacob Nickel 1902	Archibald Buchanan 1914	Thomas Simpson 1903	Henry Lewis 1883	
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Berhard Braun 1900	Berhard Braun 1900	Jacob Nickel 1902	Archibald Buchanan 1914	Thomas Simpson 1903	Henry Lewis 1883	
Jacob Boschman 1892	Johann Braun 1925	Berhard Braun 1899	Berhard Braun 1901	W.G. Baker 1906	Ernest Schroeder 1900	
4		5	Diamond sd			
Jacob Boschman 1892	Berhard Braun 1899	Berhard Braun 1899	Berhard Braun 1902	Berhard Braun 1903	Abraham Lempke 1908	
4		5		6		
Jacob Reichrodt 1903	Adolph Link 1903	Ernst Richtig 1900	Ernst Richtig 1900	Bernhard Schellenberg	Jacob Lempke 1902	
7		6		5		
John Sillis 1939	Adolf Krethausen 1903	Pattlieb Gielke 1918	Adolph Steinke 1911	Jonas Bergmann 1903	Heinrich Bick 1916	
To Brown P.D. ↓	Township One.				Range 6 ↓	

The rolling, tree-covered, Pembina Hills with good pasture lands and beaver dams to hold back water.

THE FRANK R. BROWNS OF HERBERT.



Justine, Herb, Elwin, Esther, Ted, Frank.

Herbert, Sask.,
Sept. 1, 1971.

Well, Peter, it was a very hard start for us. O, dear — think on 1-6, Holskiebak — Indians standing behind the trees — 0 — 0 — beinahe tod geängstet. One good thing, very good neighbors — the Boschmans. None better. If we hadn't had them, I don't know. Not a cent. Arm wie eine kirchen Maus die ersten Jahre gelebt und gekleidet. Was ich mit meinen 10 Finger verdiente, unsere Ernte war ein Jahr ein Doppelbox voll Weizen. So verdiente ich mit nähen — kleine Verkel — Sielen für die Pferde — Haferfutter für die Pferde. Dann oft krank dass kostete viel, wenn nichts da war. Aber der grosse Arzt hat uns nie verlassen.

Als die trockene Jahre kamen, Wasser wurde wenig im Brunnen. Rindvieh standen und brüllten — so mussten wir das Vieh verkaufen. So kam eins nach's andre, aber der himmlische Vater war so gnädig. Dann als ich so krank danieder lag, rief Frank drei Doktore. Konnten alle nichts tun. Sie gaben mir auf aber mein Frank bat dem Herrn um mich, der Herr erhörte. Er hatte dem Herrn versprochen er sollte seine Justin Gesundheit schenken — er würde tun was er von ihm forderte.

Die Zeit kam — ich wurde gesund. Aber im Frühjahr kommen die Kinder herein gelaufen. Aber Mama, komm, schau, 5 grosse Wagen, in eine Reihe, drähen all nach uns, kommen auch alle auf den Hof. Die Pferde werden ausgespannt, gefüttert, und so auch die Männer — gab sie alle Mittag. Mein Frank wurde still, dann sagte ein Mann. "Wir sind nach Saatweizen gekommen." Gut, in meinen Frank ging etwas vor. Ich wusste nichts. Er wusste was er dem Herrn versprochen hatte.

Versprachen auch alle auf äuserste zurück bringen. Aber vergassen es. So nahm mein Frank die Noten um etliche Jahre, und sagte, "Fahr mit, ich will dahin fahren welcher mir am meisten schulden tut." Eine wunder grosse Ernte hatte dieser Mann. Frug ihm, "Wie viel Geld hast du in deiner Tasche?" Er wurde rot. Why? So sagte mein Frank, "Gib mir was du in deiner Tasche hast, so gebe ich dir deine Note." Der Mann weinte, hatte alles zusammen \$5.00. So war alles gesetelt. Aber Gott gab es uns zurück. Mein Frank glaubte einem jeden, und er unterschrieb alle Noten in der Bank.

Dann mit einmal war dass Mass voll. Schwache Ernten. Die Bank verlangte ihr Geld. So sassen wir da wie die Ente ohne Wasser. Der Schirf kam. Hatten gerade eine kleine Herde feines Vieh. Er wollte alles nehmen. So warf ich mich vor ihm hin, bat um eine Kuh — drei kleine Kinder, ohne Milch. So schrie ich. Endlich lies er eine alte milch Kuh über. O, das war für uns kein kleines. Der Banker borchte ihnen wenn Frank Brown unterschrieb. Es waren Tausende. Aber der grosse Gott hat uns reichlich gesegnet. Nach dieser Erfahrung kam wieder wo der Herr segnete. Fast alle wegen Frost, bei Frank Brown kein Frost. Wunder schöne Ernte. Gott sei Dank dafür. Ihm gebürt alle Ehre.

Dann als ich in Winnipeg meine sieben Operationen hatte, dann gab der Doktor mir wieder auf. Aber dann gingen so viele Gebete empor — auf drei Stellen wurde in den Gebets Stunden für mich gebetet. O, da war ein Wunder Gottes zu sehen. Als mein Frank kam, warf er sein Wallet auf den Tisch, sagte, "Nehmt so viel ihr wollt, ich bin so froh dass meine Justin noch lebt." So kommt der Arzt zu mir, sagt es mir, "O, du hast einen guten Mann, habe ihm es zwei Hundert billiger gelassen. Er ist ein Gentleman." Hat mich die Hand gedrückt.

Oft haben wir ein Kalb geschlachtet. Fleish verteilte er mang die armen, fuhr herum, einige Male nahm er 5¢ für's Pfund. Wir wussten was Armut war. Die Eggs gerade so, niemals besahlt genommen, wir haben von allem genug gehabt. Haben immer versucht Gutes zu tun, nie Leid getan, haben manch einem die Car aufgefüllt mit Gas. Er draussen, ich drinnen. Geht uns noch gut. Kinder alle fein, keine Krippel. O, Gott ist so gut zu uns gewesen.

Ein Jahr waren die Kohlen schlecht zu bekommen. Kinder frohren, es war so kalt im Hause. Brennten Kerosene. Dann wurden wir krank, aber auch dann half Gott. Dann passierte ein Unglück in unserer Nachbarschaft. Im Morse Livery barn wurde ein Mann mit Beer bottles totgeschlagen. Er hinterlies Frau und vier Kinder. Arm sondergleichen waren sie. Später wurde die Mutter erschossen. Das war ein Schauder anzusehen wo ich sie dann besorgt habe. Mit Pferde holten sie mich. Er verfuhr sich, da nahm es uns lange bis wir die Kinder erreichten. Alle waren sie in einer Eche zusammen gekrochen, mit Decken bedeckt.



Annie Brown in her home in Winkler with Jake Riediger, H. W. Redekopp and A. A. DeFehr, members of the Board of Management.



Jerry (Brown) Lovering



Mother's Helper

THE J. G. BROWN FAMILY IN PICTURES



Standing, l-r: Walter, Betty, Susan, Elma, Harry, George.
Seated, l-r: Helen, Mary, John.

The George Arthur Brown family with:



Dr. and Mrs. Ronald Brown and daughter; Mr. and Mrs. Steve Brown and three children; Mr. and Mrs. Henry Loewen Nettie's parents; George, Nettie, Pamela, Roberta, Pearl.



Ben and Susan Falk and children.
Winkler MB Church Annie and Elma Brown
George and Betty Enns, Sheila and Lisa

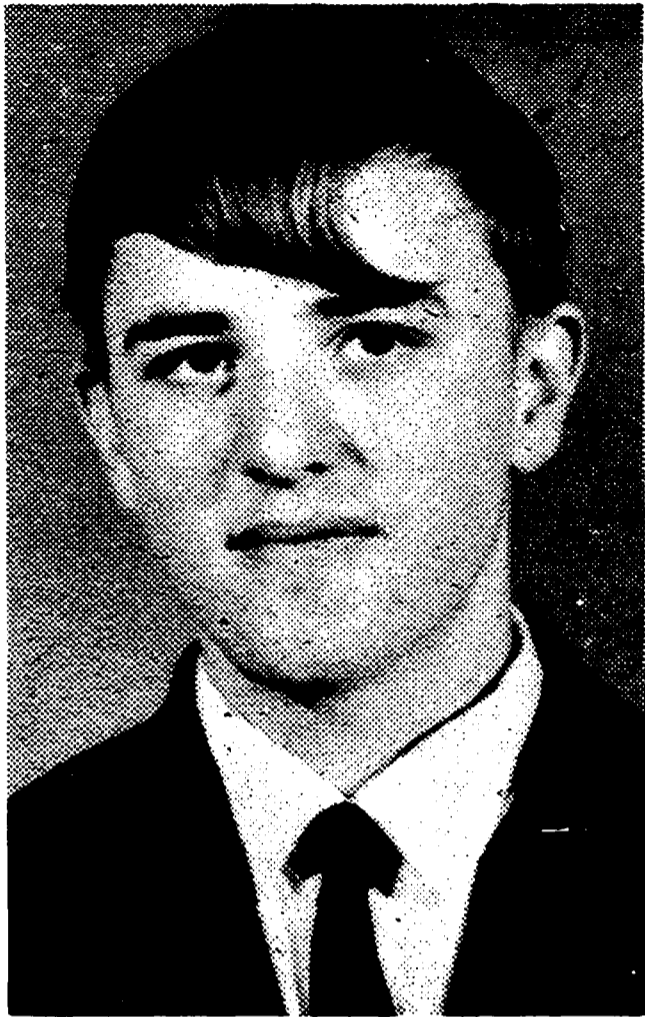
SUNSHINE AND SHADOWS

From Burwalde to One-Six was a well-known path for Grandfather Braun's sons and John, my father, followed in the footsteps of Uncles Frank and Isaac in occupying the farm buildings on the Nickolas Miller farm, the NW¼-S35-T1-R6. By this time township One-Six, on the Pembina Hills, had been denuded of its tall timber by the pioneers from the flats below. Grandfather himself had obtained the logs for the first family residence on his Burwalde homestead from "them thar hills." Well rotted stumps still testified to the erstwhile forest but otherwise brush, stone and second growth scrub oak, poplar, ash, basswood and willows were the bane of the life of the new settlers. However, tractors and dynamite had by this time taken the worst aspects out of brush breaking. Uncle Peter Brown seemed to consider such work good summer time diversion.

I have fond memories of Grandfather Brown staying overnight with us when the family cattle and horses were brought to the hills for summer pasturing and again when the stock was fetched back at the end of the grazing season. At these visits Grandfather would relate stories and experiences and give us children some coins. It was also at this time that Aunt Elizabeth Brown taught at our Diamond School and she boarded at Uncle George Brown's. This was shortly after we had moved from the Miller homestead to the farm across the road from our school. That winter our mother passed away leaving dad with five children. It left us children without a mother. Harry, the youngest, was the baby. He was taken in by our Rempel grandparents in Winkler. Walter, the next youngest, went to Burwalde. I was eight; George, seven and Elizabeth, three, George and I went back to school.

Aunt Mary and Uncle Jake Rempel moved on to the farm we had vacated and they helped us in many ways before dad remarried two years later. He married my Aunt Helen and their marriage was blessed with two daughters. There were years of drought and grasshoppers but many more of plenteous harvests. During these years dad served as trustee and as secretary-treasurer of our school district. Some years later, after both grandparents were gone, we moved back to Burwalde to farm grandfather's old homestead. Here again dad served on the school board and he became very actively involved in the planning, the organization and the operation of various co-operative enterprises. He had several terms on the Town Council of Winkler. He served as a member and as the chairman of the Winkler Hospital Board. He was an avid reader all his life and gained much knowledge therefrom. He did some travelling, west to B.C., and south as far as Mexico City.

All his life dad was an active and devout member of the Winkler M.B. church. He served several terms on the church council. Above all he had a living faith in his personal Saviour Jesus Christ, and lived in the firm hope of eternal life. He was a friend to man and helped many in their time of need.



Donald, GVC grade XI student, son of Walter Brown, chosen to go to Montreal in the Students Exchange Program.



Mary Brown, RN, with her father and sisters, after graduation.

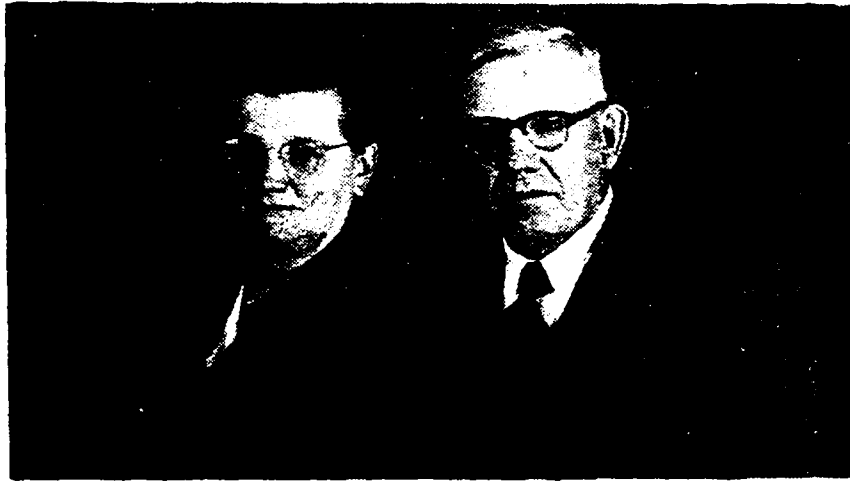


George Enns with his C.N.E. award winning sample of field peas.



John G. Brown, member of the Winkler Town Council, with (l-r), Ewald Teske, H. S. Friesen, P. F. Derkson, and J. J. Wiens.

mayor S. W. Neufeld



Gertrude and Isaac Brown



Phyllis and Janice Giesbrecht, daughters of George and Katherine.

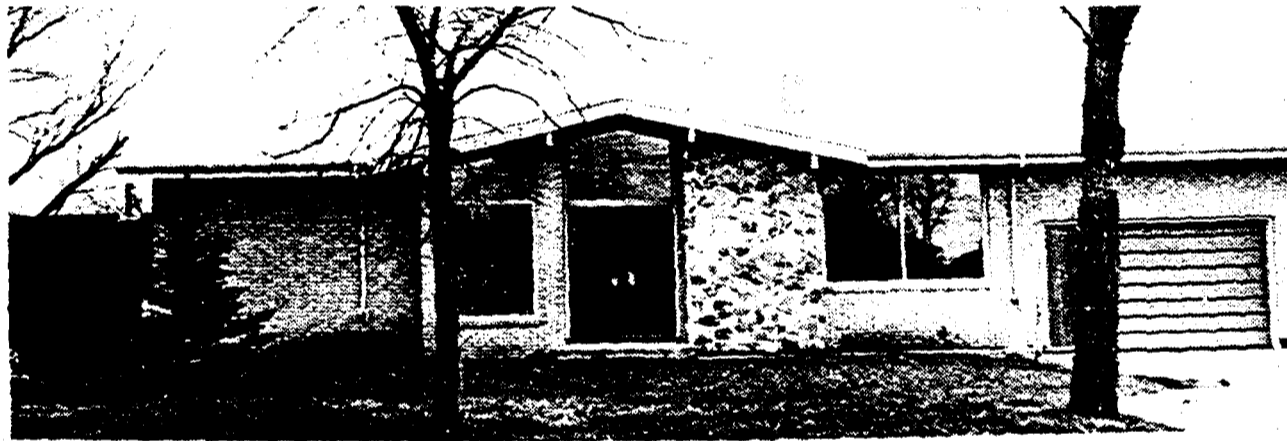


Beverley and Bernice *Hiebert*



John and Shirley Bestvater

The Arnold Hiebert home in Plum Coulee.



Carl and Stella (Hiebert) Warnica.



Charles and Ruth (Hiebert) Friesen.



The Peter Isaac Brown wedding for Terry and Ricki.
Bill and Gerty Giesbrecht with Richard John and Mary Anne.
The Mary Anne, Herbert Kuhl Wedding.

THE JACOB REMPLE-MARY BROWN FAMILY



Mary and Jake Rempel



Albert and Alice Broadbent.

Our branch of this family tree naturally starts with our mother, Mary Brown, daughter of Gerhard and Anna Braun. She was married to Jacob Rempel, son of Henry and Elizabeth Rempel, April 9, 1918. The wedding took place in the Braun farm home. In those days "work" was the order of the day rather than honeymoon trips. The ceremony was performed by Rev. John Warkentin of the Winkler Mennonite Brethren church, who had baptized both Jacob and Mary.

For better or worse, the young couple took up residence with mother's parents and the family in reality "gained" a son and did not "lose" a daughter. This was probably not as unusual as it may appear today. Mother's five older brothers were all gone and grandpa's farming operations were extensive. The Remples and Brauns had frequently joined forces for threshing so that Jacob was quite familiar with the Braun setup, moreover the two family farms touched each other kitty-corner across the highway. But the five-year stint of this arrangement was probably too long even for a good thing.

The eldest son of the Remples was born there. Unhappily John was a blue baby. His baby laughter and happy banter endeared him to all. He was a particular favorite of grandfather Braun, and, of course, had the run of the farm smithy-workshop. They were a pair. They really communicated. Grandpa would sing or hum his favorite hymns while repairing fork handles or hammer out plow shares, and the lad would scatter or pile wood blocks. One of his specialties was to turn up his little face, hang a rubber ring on his nose and call to grandpa "Look, look!" A hearty shout and hand-clap made him jump with glee.

But he was not long for this world. As a lad of only three he was called away from this world on March 5, 1923, and the rest of us never knew him.

Alice was the other "Burwalde" baby. Some years later the young couple moved to a home on a bush farm that grandfather Braun had acquired in the One-Six township which had originally been set aside to provide free building material and fuel for the early pioneers who settled in the flats. Land in Burwalde had been easy to bring under cultivation. Thrift and industry had been handsomely rewarded. The situation in the Pembina Hills was definitely different. Though purchased in 1899, in the early 1920's Section 35-1-6 had plenty of stone, swamp, brush and tall trees but very little cultivated land ready for planting.

Life there was hard, isolated, with very few opportunities for fun, amusements or activities that had any appeal for the young of heart. Also during the 1920's field work was done with horse power. In those days farmers had to be self-sufficient. This meant not only horses but also cattle, hogs, sheep, poultry and big gardens. You either produced your own food or did without. And you produced enough to have something to sell to come by some coin of the realm to exchange for items Manitoba farms did not yield or you also existed on short rations. Hence most of our waking hours were taken up with field work and chores. With the years the family grew in numbers. Siblings Ruth, George, Jim and Mary arrived in Diamond and grew to manhood and womanhood in the rolling, sylvan, though rustic, yet withal pleasant Pembina Hills.

The first years we lived in a small house with two main rooms. The place was warm, cozy but cramped. In 1932 a larger house was built. Here we had full basement with vegetable bins and a furnace for central heat. The bedrooms were upstairs and the ground floor was occupied by the kitchen and dining room; a spacious family and sitting room and even a sewing room and finally a sun porch. This almost made every day appear like Sunday and we enjoyed many years of intimate cordial life as a close-knit family.

At the same time other changes came about. We children grew up and the work-load on the farm was distributed among more of us. Tractors arrived and the field work could be done more expeditiously which began to leave a bit more time for some of the amenities of life. We no longer needed all those horses. We planted an orchard of apple and plum trees. Our strawberry patch, and then the raspberries, added that ritzy touch of dessert to meals that made menu-making a delight. Yes, we did reap an abundance of fruit from this oasis, and also some customers, but much more interesting for our parents, were the delightful friendships that were formed with the passing years.

Further progress in easing the farmyard work-load was made in 1941 when dad decided to build a new barn. This provided ample space for housing all the farm stock as well as most of the feed. A new well added to the conveniences and greatly simplified choring.

In 1939 Alice finished her elementary school grades in Diamond and then proceeded to Winkler for two years of high school work. After that she elected to pursue farming.

Some years later, in October of 1958, Alice married James Albert Broadbent of Thornhill and kept right on farming. The Broadbents presently specialized their cattle enterprise by going to Brown Swiss purebred stock. As a director of the Brown Swiss Association of America, Albert has had occasion to travel on behalf of this phase of his farming operation so that Al and Al made new friends and friendships in the central plains region of America.

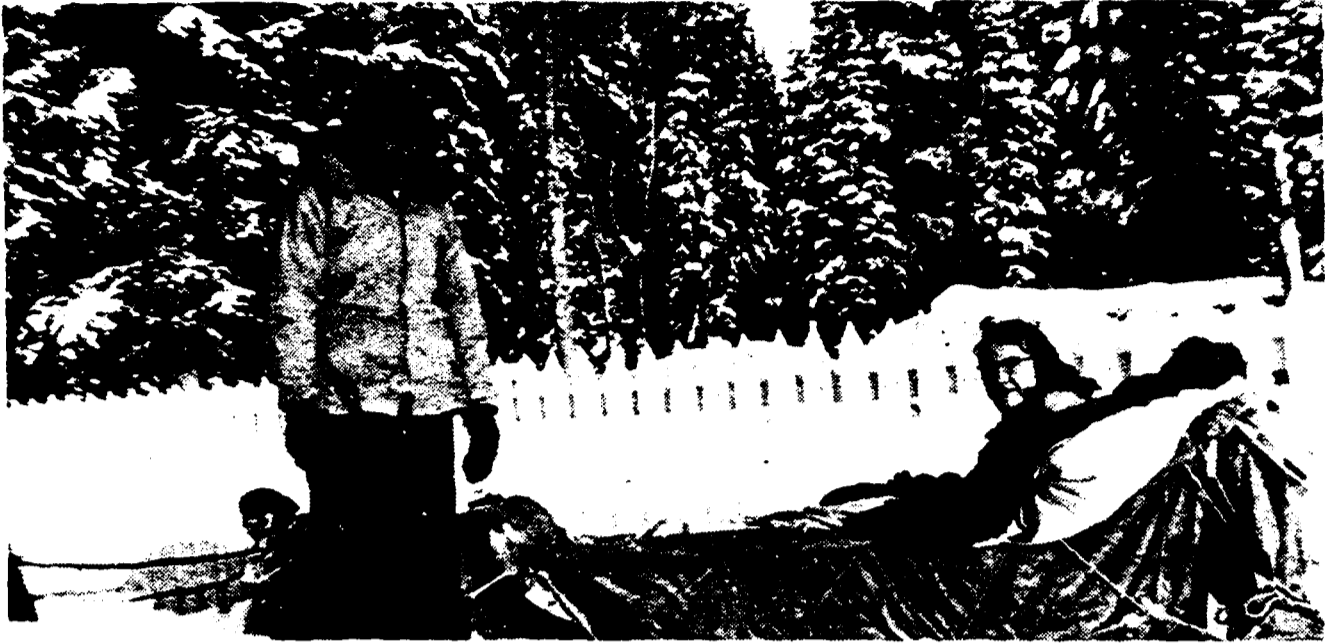
Their honeymoon to California, other trips to B.C. and other points west, were apparently just an introduction what this directorship has developed into.



The children of George and Helen Rempel.



Albert Broadbent with three fine Brown Swiss calves.



Ruth Rempel, teacher and L.P.N.

Ruth finished her high school work in Winkler and easily obtained her teacher's training and has by now made a career of it. Included in the list of schools where she has taught are Mason and Stephenfield, then she moved on to B.C. There she served in Soda Creek, Lake Cowichan and Tuktoyaktuk, NWT. Since then she has spent time in Hudson's Hope and at present she is in Prince George where our father visited as a young man.

George was married to Helen Brick in 1958. They moved onto the Newman farm directly south of the Experimental Farm. They have a fine family of Paul, Darla, James and Linda. The children are presently all in school in Morden. Fishing is the family hobby.

George and Jim work all the land they own in partnership. Jim lives in the new home our parents had built on the farm directly east of the Experimental Farm south of PTH #3. He enjoys curling in winter and the annual fall deer hunt. These two activities provide much to reminisce about.

And just to recall the harvesting days of bygone seasons brings back memories of stooking and threshing, of neighborly experiences during pleasant weeks of dry harvesting weather but also of those dreary days of rain when the leaden skies left the fields of stooks sodden and the grain sprouting. There are other memories, particularly for the young boys. George tells of the summer when he was just a small lad, but strong enough already to serve as a load-builder. With well-shaped bundles not too big, free of weeds like thistles, this was in reality a pleasant chore and it gave any ambitious boy a feeling of accomplishment for he had then become part of the threshing crew. However, conditions often were entirely different. Big tousled sheaves, full of prickly thistles spewing sow-thistle downs and a pitcher like Uncle Peter, who apparently wanted to establish some kind of record for field

pitching, and showed exactly no regard for a “wee bairn,” who was manfully struggling to lay those sheaves all in a row, the job was impossible. To this day George has vivid recollections of just such a situation. He finally got so thoroughly fed up with the whole deal where he was in danger of being completely buried, that he quietly slid off the load and went home. Call it a strike if you like, he’d had enough of that.

Last but not least was Mary Jane. She also took her elementary grades in Diamond and then completed her Grade XII in Winkler. There she met Isaac Knelson and instead of a career she decided to short-circuit the customary life pattern and she “was up and at it” and promptly married him in 1954. That was the first marriage in the Jacob Remple family. They have by now been blessed with Beverley, Ralph, Bradley, Sandra and little Gloria.

1969 was a heart-breaking year for all of us. While Mary and Ike had lost young Jeffrey in 1957, our family had not suffered from any undue amount of illness. In April, the day before Good Friday, we lost our dad. True he had had a mild heart condition but this came so unexpectedly. He had been cheerfully up and around that day. Late in the afternoon he had told Jim he would assist him with his chores. When Jim followed him a few minutes later, he found his father dead. That summer our mother had not been too well. In fact, she had spent considerable time in the Morden hospital. There, in late summer, she had undergone serious surgery. On the fifth day of September she too left us to be with her Lord and joined dad, their son John, and grandson Jeffrey.

In five months we five brothers and sisters were left fatherless and motherless.

The Lord giveth and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord. Job 1:21

— Alice Broadbent

Feb. 1, 1972.
684 Vedder Cresc.,
Prince George, B.C.,

Dear Aunt Mary and Uncle Peter,

At Cross Lake I worked at the Indian Health Department nursing station for a year. Travel there was always on foot, by dog team, by boat or bombardier.

For six years I taught for Northern Affairs in the N.W.T. The first two years I was at Fort McPherson (Louchean Indian) and the last four at Inktoyaktuk (Eskimo). Seems one should have quite unusual incidents to relate but it was the accepted norm. I do recall the day I left school at morning recess and spent the next two hours at the nursing station helping to suction a young baby that had so much phlegm that

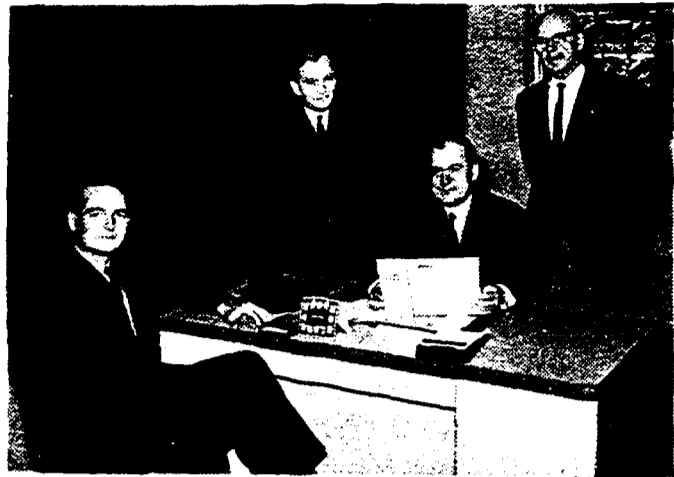
he was choking. Then there was the night during a really bad blizzard when the R.N. was away and I did a delivery in an Eskimo shack. To keep warm I rolled up the sleeves of my fur parka. Also a vivid memory is the time a Grade II boy used the lunch hour for a quiet smoke in a neighboring farmer's hay meadow. We spent an hour fighting the blaze to keep it from the haystacks. That was near Killarney. None of these make neat little stories.

The teaching profession in B.C. is very much "under the gun" at present. Many teachers are unemployed and new legislation is making things difficult.

Ruth Rempel.



Douglas Brown in graduate Agricultural studies at Manitoba University.



Top: Mary and Peter Brown; S.M.B.C. 1961 with Denis Barkman, D. K. Friesen, W. E. Kroeker, Peter Brown.
Middle: 192 M.C.I. students and staff: Rev. H. H. Ewert, Peter Brown, Rev. Henry Wall, G. H. Peters.
Bottom: Jim, Frances, and Nancy Lovering leaving 560 Waverley St. The Browns with Douglas.



Lorraine (Brown) Neufeld



Dr. Jack Neufeld



Victor Neufeld who was elected June 9 to a two-year term as president of the Manitoba Association of Social Workers.



Dr. James Lovering

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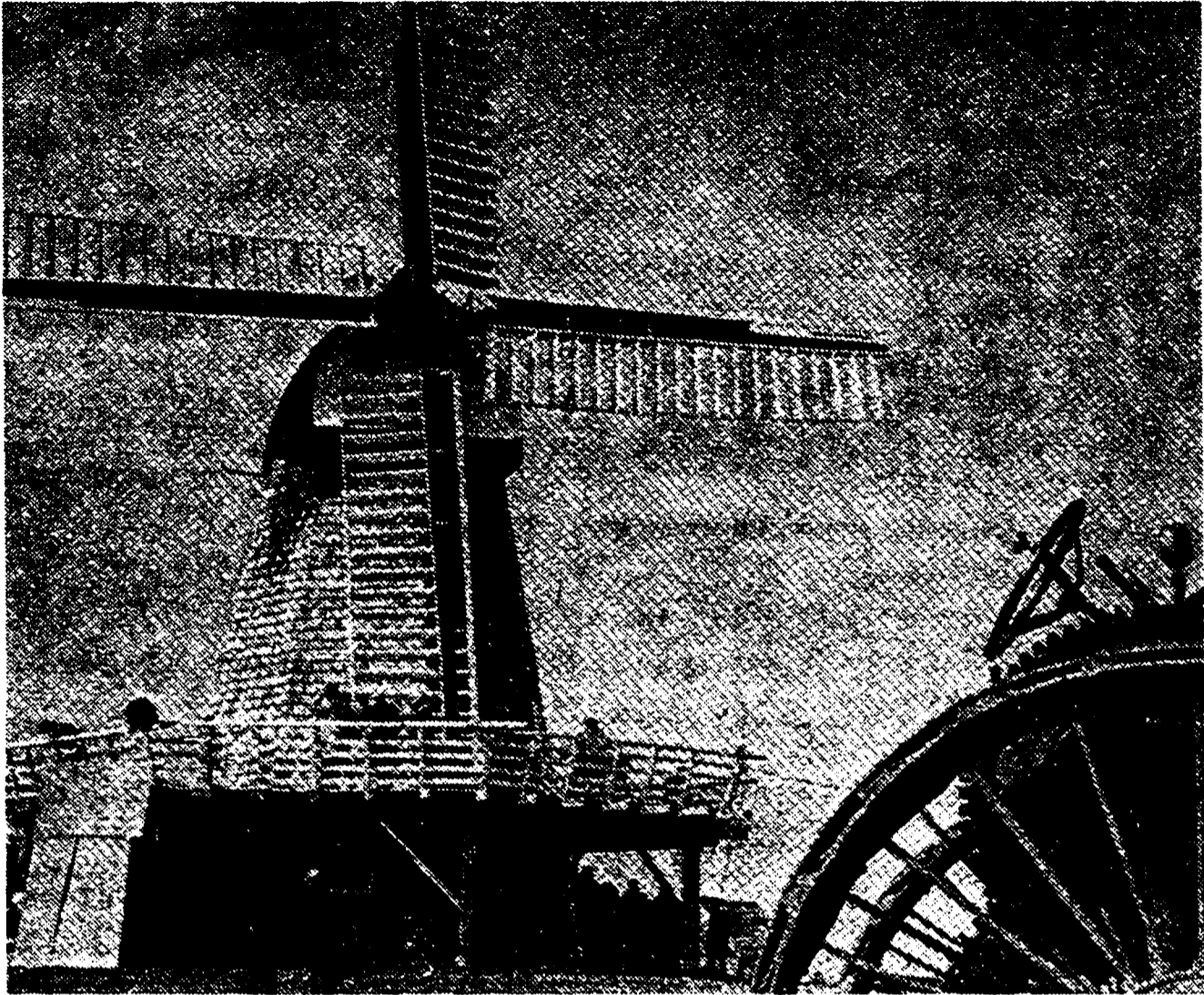
*to join with other members of the Society in preparing
and preserving an historical record of the achievements
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certify his election as a founding member of the Mennonite
Village Museum in good standing.*

Dated this 31st. day of Dec. 19 69
Steinbach, Manitoba.

Witness the corporate Seal of the Society

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PRESIDENT
J. J. REIMER



Winnipeg Free Press, Steinbach Windmill, page 3, October 10, 1972.



Back row: L to R: Walter Kroeker, David Bueckert, Bernhard Froese, John Goosen, David Friesen. Front row: L to R: Peter Brown, Ed Friesen, Cornelius Neufeld, Cornie Loewen, Elmer Hildebrand.

CFAM, Altona

TRUE GRATITUDE

“What does CFAM mean to you,” Jim McSweeney is asking.

I leave my hands in the warm dishwater and reflectively I gaze at the trees and the snow sparkling like diamonds outside my kitchen window.

“Back-to-the-Bible, spiritual growth, that’s what CFAM means.”

Then we considered moving out of the province. “Will you mind moving?” my husband asked anxiously.

“Of course not. Where you and the children are, there is home. Where you go, I will go,” I reassured him.

Later, we talked again. “. . . it’s still alright . . . but I sure will miss CFAM. There is no comparable radio station . . . no Back-to-the Bible.”

“I know what you mean, his arm draped around my shoulders. I listen too on the way home . . . good music. . . . Songs International too. I like that.”

My hands are still in the dishwater. I saw mother’s face light up when she heard the German programme.

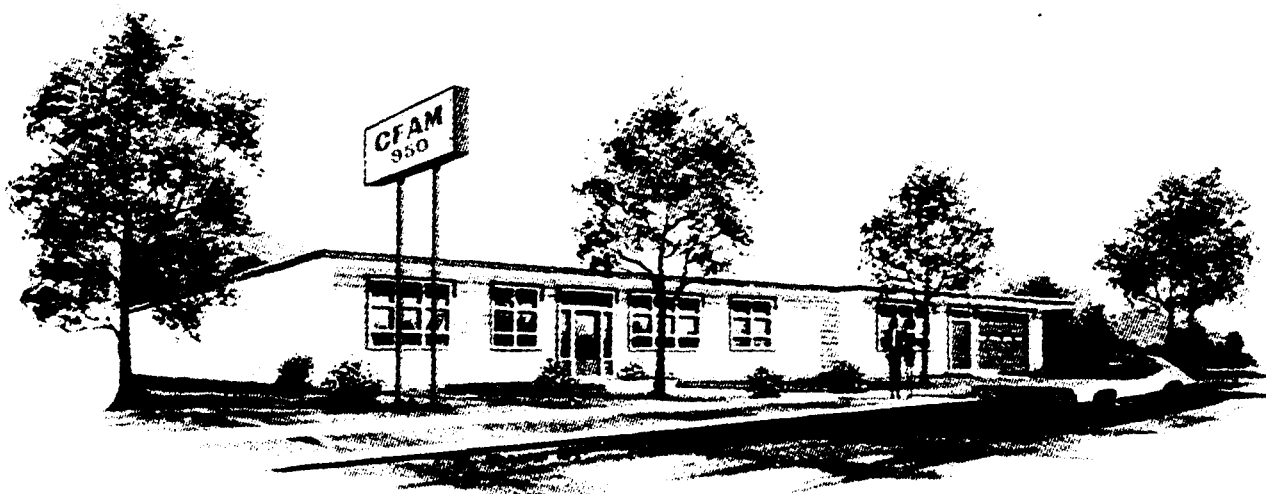
Living with an English daughter-in-law she longed for her own tongue. Softly, in her hospital-type bed, she sang the songs and was nourished by the words.

She is gone now but CFAM enriched her life.

The water is becoming cold and the afternoon work waits.

I am grateful.

An Admirer



A FINE APPRECIATION —
MENNONITISCHER RUNDFUNKSENDER CFAM
MENNONITISCHE RADIOMISSION,
13. März 1957-1972.

Wie freun wir und zu unserm Sender,
Der nicht nur hier, an unserm Ort,
Nein, auch in manche andre Länder
Verbreitet freudig Gottes Wort:
Den Herrn, den rechten Seelenhort.

Wie wundervoll ist unser Leben;
Der Herr drückt es im Gleichnis aus:
Er ist der Weinstock — wir die Reben.
Wie reich ein jedes Vaterhaus,
Strebt es zum Vater froh hinaus.

Wie manche treue, liebe Seele,
Die nicht zur Kirche gehen kann,
Lauscht, dass sie nicht den Weg verfehle,
Den Gott in Christus aufgetan;
Er führt uns alle Himmelan.

Ihr Gründer, Leiter, Wortverkünder
Und Chöre, seid im Herrn gegrüsst.
Erquickt sind viele Gottes-Kinder
Durch's Wort, das durch den Äther fließt,
Woraus der grösste Segen spriesst.

Ihr alle, die Ihr freudig waltet
In dieser unsrer grossen Zeit;
Die Sendungen so schön gestaltet,
Nutzt ferner die Gelegenheit
Indem Ihr guten Samen streut.

Der Früchte werden mehr noch kommen
Als lange schon zu sehen ist.
Das Leben soll doch jeden frommen
Im Völkerstand als echter Christ
Für die geschenkte Lebensfrist.

Mög' Euch der Herr noch reichlich segnen,
Mit Rat und Tat behilflich sein,
Damit Ihm viele noch begegnen,
Der Gotteskindschaft sich erfreun
Und volle Garben bringen ein.

CFAM Fifteenth Anniversary

Peter Kroeger.



The Sung Yong Chun Family, Korea.



Maximina Enciso
Paraguay



Lidia Froese
Paraguay



The Woo Dong Chung Family, Korea.

Fernheim, Chaco, Paraguay, S.A.
Yalve Sanga, April 22, 1967.

Dear Friends of the school, I am a pupil of the 2nd grade.

My name is Lydia Froese. I am studying in the school Mariscal Estigarribia. I like to study very much. I would like to thank everybody who contributed something for our school, sending you affectionate greetings.

Lydia Froese.

Mr. F. E. Eitzen, the MCC caseworker reported March 15, 1966, that Lydia was 16 years of age, weighed 123 pounds and stood 4'9" in height. She was one of a family of 5 children. Mr. Eitzen says of her:

Lydia is a Lengua Indian girl. She is a Christian. She is one of the first two Indian girls to ever attend a Spanish school in this area. She has had several years Lengua school, however, she has started with Grade One because she does not know the Spanish language. We hope that she will become a teacher for Indian girls and a leader among the women in spiritual and cultural matters.

Lydia has by now been withdrawn from the MCC Child Sponsorship Program and replaced by Gilberto Ramos.

Gilberto lives in the house of his grandparents. His mother has 6 illegitimate children. She cannot support the school family.

In his first letter Gilberto said

"I am a pupil in the 4th grade . . . My teacher's name is Mary Derksen . . . My mother works in the kitchen. The yield is little and does not cover the expenses .

Sincerely greetings,
Gilberto Ramos.

Dear Benefactor,

I am in the 6th grade now. Till now I am making good. The school is 3 Km from my house. I am living with my mother but not with my father. I have not seen my father till now. In the morning I am in school and on the afternoons I am working. My father is sick already one year. I am 13 years old. I am very grateful for the help you are giving, my friend,

Gilberto Ramos.

The Chaco, Paraguay,
S.A., October 1, 1972.

Dear Sir:

Here I am another time to thank you. I received a nice handbag. Next week we have examinations.

Greetings from

Maximina Enciso.

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Mrs. Elizabeth (J.T.) Giesbrecht



George and Katherine Giesbrecht.



John W. and Tina Giesbrecht.



John and Ruth Enns and children.



Betty and Delorie Howell with Robert, Garry, Timothy and Donald.

FLYING JETS FOR AIR CANADA

My initial schooling took place in a three-room school at Myrtle, Manitoba, which was about five miles from the farm where I was born and raised. My senior matriculation was obtained at the Winkler Collegiate. After spending two years working on my father's farm, I enrolled in the University of Manitoba and graduated in 1957, with a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture.

The J.I. Case Company offered me a job in their sales department, but after a year it was evident that I neither had the talents nor the personality required for a good salesman. I then joined the Provincial Municipal Assessment Branch with whom I worked for the next seven years.

Initially, it was an interesting and a challenging job and one where I could make use of my university training, especially the courses in soil science. As an assessor, I would appraise farm land for the purpose of municipal taxation. The position offered an adequate salary, good security, and a good pension. On the negative side, promotions were limited. Also, I did not care for the demanding diplomacy that was required in this type of work; being a tax assessor was not a very popular occupation.

Even when I was a young boy on the farm, airplanes held a deep fascination for me. I was an ardent model airplane builder, so it was only natural that in December, 1960, I enrolled with the Winnipeg Flying Club. Two months later, after intensive week-end training, I had my private pilot's license. I did not know it at the time, but this was to be the cross-roads in my life.

Events moved fairly rapidly after this. I bought a small two-seater aircraft with which I gained more experience and flying time. My commercial license followed quickly as did my instructor's permit. During week-ends I now worked at the Flying Club instructing students where not too long ago I had been a student myself.

In June, 1965, I got the big break which I was waiting for, and with it I knew I had to make a decision. TransAir, a small domestic airline, operating out of Winnipeg, had openings for second officers on their Douglas DC-4 aircraft. I resigned from the Assessment Branch, took a drastic cut in salary, applied for the job, and was accepted. My week-end hobby was now realizing a new potential.

TransAir's DC-4's operated north to the Distant Early Warning Radar sites on the Arctic coast. The flying was done mostly at night, leaving Winnipeg at twelve midnight and arriving at places like Cape Parry, Hall Beach or Cambridge Bay eight hours later and fifteen hundred miles north of Winnipeg. Our cargo was a mixture of freight and Dew Line personnel.

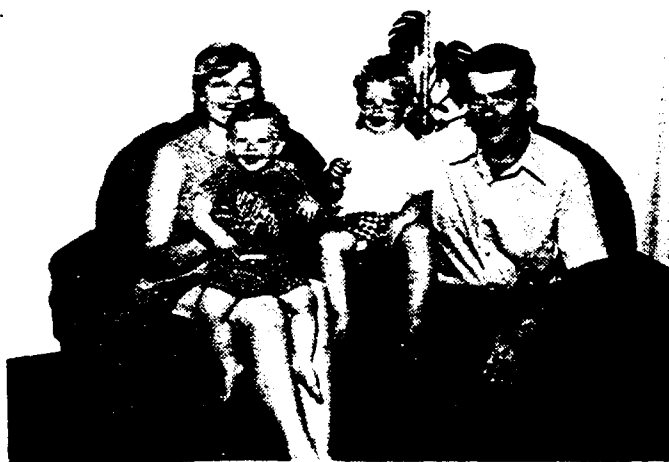
In late 1965, the aviation industry underwent a rapid economical expansion and Air Canada started a large hiring program. I submitted an application, was granted an interview, and after undergoing an intensive medical examination, I was hired. In August of 1966, along with twenty other "new-hires", I started ground school in Montreal for first officer training on the Vickers Viscount. I completed the course in early January of 1967, and was posted in Winnipeg. Flying for Air Canada was quite different than with TransAir. The routes were across Canada from Montreal to Victoria, and the turbo prop Viscount was much faster than the old DC-4.

I reached another milestone in May, 1967, when I was married. The honeymoon was cut short, however, when I began a Douglas DC-9 conversion course in Montreal. This is the airplane I am presently flying. The DC-9 is a medium range pure jet aircraft, capable of 550 m.p.h. cruise, and a real joy to fly. The routes are much the same as they were on the Viscount; taking in all the major Canadian cities and including transborder flights to New York, Cleveland and Chicago.

Flying for a major airline is very satisfying for me, but there are some drawbacks. Working conditions can be very irregular in that one may be required to fly long hours during the night while attempting to get enough rest during the day. This can lead to undesirable eating habits and as a result many pilots suffer from stomach disorders. Bomb-scares and air piracy are now common occurrences and add to the pressures of the job. One is always aware that a medical problem that would be considered insignificant in any other profession could be sufficient cause to be grounded.

Unlike many other occupations, there are no two days alike in flying. With different weather conditions, different routes and cities, each day is a new challenge and boredom rarely is present. I am fortunate that I enjoy my work; for many people a job is only a means towards an end. I hope that if my two sons decide on a flying career that aviation will be as kind to them as it has been to me.

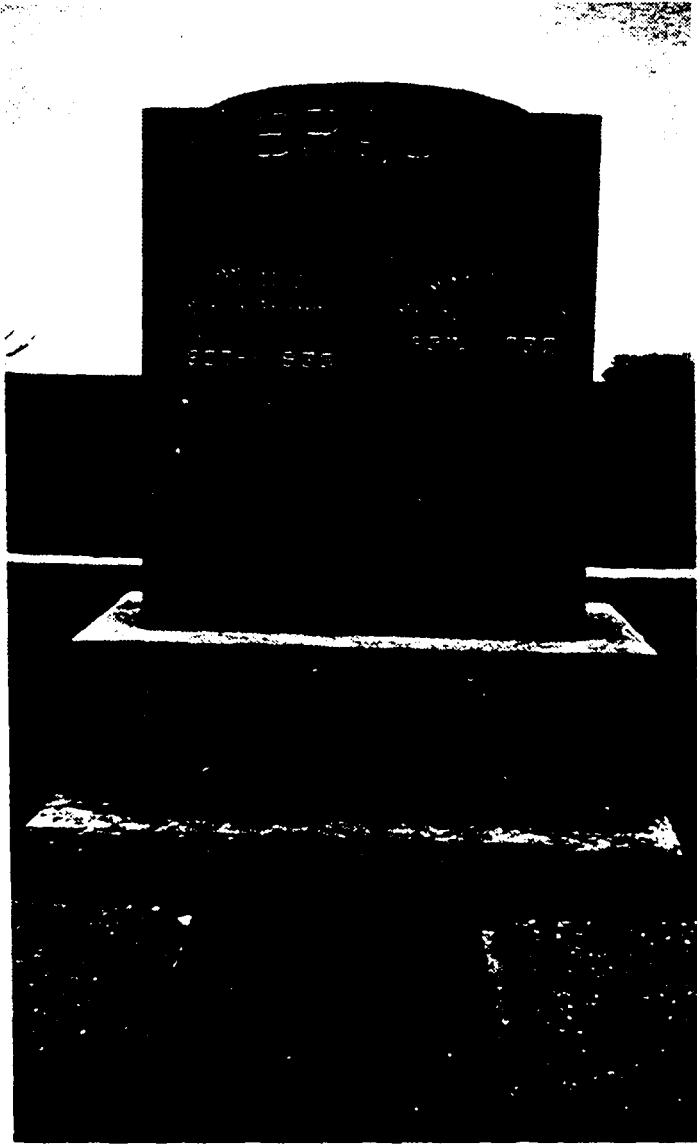
First Officer David W. Giesbrecht.



David and Julia Giesbrecht with David and Scott.



David Giesbrecht



The family plot, Winkler Cemetery.

CHAPTER VI
THE JACOB W. BRAUN FAMILY



Mr. and Mrs. Jacob W. Braun.

*Zur Einsegnung des Eheglosbnisses
unseres Brautpaares
Margaretha Reimer
und Jacob W. Braun
Donnerstag May 14, 1908, 2 Uhr zu mi
in unserem Hause vollzogen werden soll, werden
Sie hiermit achlungsvoll eingeladen
Hsin und Agatha Reimer*

The wedding invitation and picture of
Jacob W. Braun and Margaretha Reimer
of 1908.



The Jacob W. Brauns enjoying the festivities.

THE JACOB BRAUN AND HELENA WARKENTIN GENERATIONS

3rd gen.	Born-Died			6th gen.	Born-Died
Jacob Braun	1882-1963			Ried Penner	1952-
Margaretha Reimer	1887-1966			Wayne Penner	1954-
				Myrna Penner	1956-
				Donald Penner	1958-
		5th gen.	Born-Died		
		Myrtle Loewen	1931-		
		1. Abe Penner	1927-1969		
		2. Dr. Winston Backus			
4th gen.	Born-Died	Louis Loewen	1933-		
		Carol Dumont	1941-		
Emma Brown	1909-	Joyce Loewen	1933-	Kathleen Franz	1956-
John Loewen	1908-	Donald Franz	1932-	Sharon Franz	1959-
				Alan Franz	1961-
		Robert Loewen	1939-	Wendell Loewen	1964-
		Anne Konrad	1935-	Lori Loewen	1965-
		Lois Loewen	1950-		
		Wilfred Driedger	1947-		
		Patricia Brown	1937-	Jenny Daku	
		Henry Daku	1932-	Barry Daku	1962-
				Marilyn Daku	1963-
Roland Brown	1910-1952	Miriam Brown	1941-	Brian Krahn	1963-
Esther Hamm	1914-	Henry Krahn	1938-	Debra Krahn	1965-
		Roland Brown	1946-		
		Linnea Witty	1946-		
		Terrance Brown	1951-		
		Kenneth Penner	1939-	Kevin Penner	1965-
		Myrna Williams		Myron Penner	1968-
Lydia Brown	1911-			Susanne Penner	1969-
Jacob Penner	1914-	Dorothy Penner	1943-		
		Dale Thompson	1944-		
		Jacob Penner	1945-		
		Marjory Sawatzky RN	1937-	Danny Archer	1965-
		Elsie Sawatzky RN	1939-	Patricia Archer	1967-
		Willard Archer	1931-	Andrea Archer	1969-
Georgina Brown	1913-	Steven Sawatzky	1941-	Brenda Sawatzky	1966-
Cornelius Sawatzky	1907-	Delin Neufeld	1942-	Daryl Sawatzky	1968-
		Diana Sawatzky	1942-	Stevens Waller	1964-
		Ronald Waller	1943-	Rhonda Waller	1965-
				Theresa Waller	1968-
		Janice Sawatzky	1945-		
		Mark Sawatzky	1948-		
		James Sawatzky	1950-		
Helena Brown	1914-				
		Lyle Brown	1946-	Michael Brown	1969-
		Betty Penner	1947-		
George Brown	1916-	Eugene Brown	1948-		
1. Helen Penner	1920-1961	Alice Brown RN	1952-		
2. Effie Doucette	1916-	Dawn Brown ad	1959-		
		Joy Brown ad	1961-		
		Ronald Brown	1947-		
Henry Brown	1921-	Lorna Toews	1949-		
Mary Wiebe	1924-	Verna Brown	1950-		
		Harvey Brown	1953-		

TIME PASSES ON ...



Standing: l to r: Peter W. Brown, Sadie (Brown) Milligan, Marie (Braun) Ratzlaff, Isaac Brown.
Seated: Helena (Braun) Reddekopp, Jacob Braun, Helena (Warkentin) Braun, Jacob W. Braun. This photo was taken five months before father Braun died.



The Jacob W. Braun Family.

4th gen.	Born-Died	5th gen.	Born-Died	6th gen.	Born-Died		
Corn. Brown	1921-1922						
Elsie Brown	1918-	{	Lois Hamm	1942-	{	Paula Huk	1966-
Henry Hamm	1917-		Eugene Huk	1940-		Michael Huk	1968-
			Luella Hamm RN	1946-			
			Vera Hamm	1953-			
Ruth Brown	1923-	{	Olindu Poettcker RN	1947-			
Peter Poettcker	1921-		Allan Baergen	1946-			
			Gwendolyn Poettcker	1949-			
			Kenneth Schlichting	1949-			
		Raymond Poettcker	1953-				
David Braun	1931-	{	Lenora Braun	1957-			
Anna Willms	1930-		Valerie Braun	1959-			
3rd gen.	Born-Died						
Helena Braun	1884-1891						
Maria Braun	1886-1891						
Peter Braun	1888-1964						
Gertrude Wiens	1887-						
Adeline Brown	1917-						
Frank Brown	1919-	{	Sherylle Brown	1948-			
Verna Moxley	1918-		Donna Brown	1952-			
			Cindy Brown	1955-			
Ross Brown	1922-1922						
		{	Kenneth Brown	1948-	{	Karen Kawalawskas	1952-
			Mary Torris	1947-		Keith Kawalawskas	1953-
			Kathleen Brown	1950-		Karyl Kawalawskas	1959-
			George Kawalawskas	1949-		Kevin Kawalawskas	1960-
Roy Brown	1922-	{					
Doreen Gunnell	1927-		Karen Brown	1952-			
			Keith Brown	1953-			
			Karyl Brown	1959-			
			Kevin Brown	1960-			
Gerhard Braun	1890-1916						
Helena Braun	1892-1968						
Jacob Reddekopp	1888-1949						
Leona Reddekopp	1914-	{	John MacInnes	1940-			
John MacInnes	1915-		Joan Smith	1940-			
Walter Reddekopp	1915-	{	Brenda Reddekopp	1941-	{	Darcy Hays	1966-
Mylene Thomas	1913-		Charles Hays	1942-		Jardin Hays	1968-
			Judy Reddekopp	1945-		Tanya Hays	1968-
George Reddekopp	1917-	{	Neil Reddekopp	1953-			
Julia Nolan	1929-		Robert Reddekopp	1955-			
			Jay Reddekopp	1958-			
Gordon Reddekopp	1919-	{	Cameron Reddekopp	1951-			
Ruby Thomas	1915-		Rae Reddekopp	1954-			
Dorothy Reddekopp	1921-1922						



Onkel Jacob Braun und Tante mit Helena und Anna Braun.

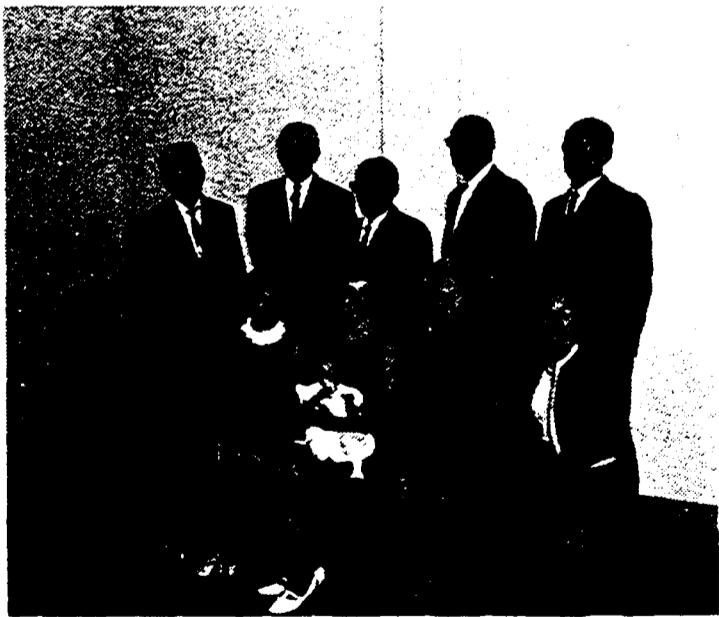
Five generations in the Braun family:
 2nd gen. Mrs. Jacob Braun
 3rd gen. Jacob Braun
 4th gen. Emma (Braun) Loewen
 5th gen. Myrtle (Loewen) Penner
 6th gen. Ried Penner



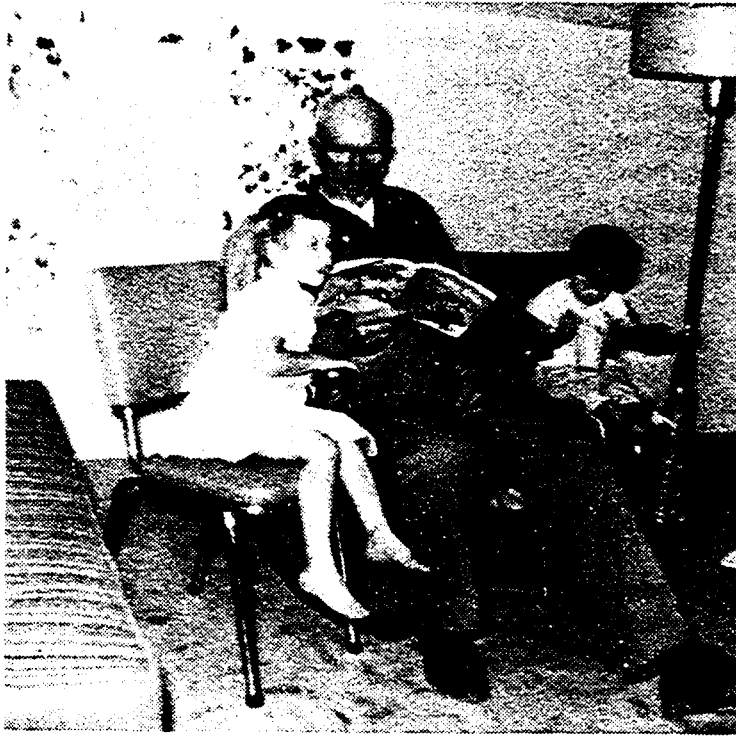
The Jacob W. Braun daughters: L to R: Emma, Lydia, Helen, Georgina, Elsie and Elaine Ruth.



L-R and T-B — Our first son, Albert, his wife Kathleen, Roger, and Joel, Verda. The youngest, son, Jake. Dennis Penner, son-in-law, with Joyce and Christenne. Isaac Braun, dad, granddad and Alta, ma, and grandma. Paul, our son, and wife Jacqueline.



4th gen.		Born-Died	5th gen.	Born-Died
Vera Reddekopp	Arthur Hamilton	1924-1918	{ Laurie Hamilton Holly Hamilton Mary Hamilton Jane Hamilton John Hamilton Donna Hamilton Peter Hamilton	1947- 1950- 1950- 1954- 1958- 1959- 1961-
James Redekopp	Erna Lemon	1926-1940	{ Genny Reddekopp adP James Reddekopp Helena Reddekopp Leona Reddekopp	
Alan Redekopp		1929-1930		
Peter Reddekopp	Peggy Boese	1936-1940	{ Darren Reddekopp	1968-
3rd gen.		Born-Died		
Maria Braun	Samuel Ratzlaff	1894-1970 1903-		
Lois Jean Ratzlaff		1927-1929		
Verda Ratzlaff	Emerson Sept	1930-1926	{ Dwight Sept ad Barry Sept ad Dorothy Sept ad David Samuel Sept	1926- 1926- 1926- 1969-
Raymond Ratzlaff	Dorothea Klassen	1931-1931-	{ Jennifer Ratzlaff Raymond Ratzlaff Bradley Ratzlaff	1954- 1956- 1966-
Helen Ratzlaff	Nicolai Wiens	1934-1940-	{ Katherine Mae Wiens	1967-
Doris Ratzlaff	Larry King	1936-1938-	{ Alan Laird King Daniel King Heather King	1963- 1965- 1959-
Susannah Ratzlaff	Irwin Harder	1939-1944-	{ Susan Harder Julie Marie Harder	1968- 1971-
Isaac Braun	Alta Chadbourne	1902- 1906-		
Albert Brown	Kathleen Depage	1932-	{ Verda Brown Vernon Brown Rodger Brown Joel Brown	1953- 1954-1955 1959- 1962-
Joyce Brown	Dennis Penner	1941-1944-	{ Christine Penner Bryan Penner	1968- 1971-
Paul Brown	Jaquie Oaquette	1944-1945-	{ Lorie Brown Shayne Brown	1969- 1971-
Jacob Brown		1946-		
Sarah Braun	Robert Miligan	1905- 1893-1958		
Vernon Milligan	Luella Reddekopp	1927-1931-	{ Shelley Milligan Robert Milligan	1959- 1962-



Jacob W. Brown reading to his grandchildren.



Jacob W. Brown with son Carl Henry.
That's performance!



Isaac Brown addressing the Brown Reunion visitors in Stanley Centennial Park, August 1, 1971.

Grandpa Braun's Buggy
 Ted Brown, Kelstern, told me that the buggy wheels had never become loose so that the steel tires needed resetting. There is a fold-away seat attached to the dashboard to accommodate children. There is no compartment behind the seat to put any luggage, as was customary in most buggies.

That is Dad in the driver's seat and my son Jake between the shafts.

Ike Brown.



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Ian Milligan Ruby Hildebrand	1929- 1931-	{ Patrick Milligan Nancy Milligan James Milligan Scott Milligan	1953- 1955- 1959- 1963-
Helen Milligan Alan Jordan	1930- 1934-	{ Lynn Jordan Lori Jordan Robert Jordan	1958- 1959- 1961-
David Milligan Barbara Manger	1935- 1940-	{ Sandra Milligan Kelly Milligan Kathy Milligan	1960- 1963- 1965-
Margaret Milligan John Fuchs	1936- 1932-	{ Richard Fuchs Carolyn Fuchs Wendolyn Fuchs Michael Fuchs Janine Fuchs	1958-1958 1959- 1962- 1968- 1968-
Harvey Milligan Linda Anderson	1941- 1950-	{ Brian Milligan	1970-



The family has gathered to celebrate the fiftieth wedding anniversary in church.

Grande Prairie, 1971.

Dear Family and Friends,

And the angel of the Lord said unto them, "Fear not for behold I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be unto all people. For unto you is born this day in the City of David a Saviour which is Christ the Lord."

With the greetings of the angels on that night many years ago we greet you this Christmas and wish for you and yours the peace of heart which passeth all understanding.

Usually we have sent cards to all but so much has happened to us this year we felt we should send a letter.

Two years ago when Robert and Anne told us they were going to Tokyo to teach English we began to make plans to visit them and the missionaries in the various mission fields and the M.C.C. work where possible. It was John's deep desire for over forty years, to visit the Holy Land and see for himself how God is confirming His Word.

We left home by car December 18 and visited Lois and Wilf at Langley, B.C. We spent a week-end with them and then left Vancouver on December 23 and reached Tokyo after fourteen hours flying time. There our grandchildren and their friends greeted us.

We had four wonderful weeks with Robert and Anne and family exploring Tokyo. It is simply amazing to see how Japan has picked herself up and progressed since the war. We couldn't get over the way Lori and Wendell can speak Japanese. We visited many places in the city, including Mount Fuji, the big shopping areas and some of the shrines. On Kyushu Island we visited the missionaries Paul Boschmans, Anna Dyck, Esther Paetkau, Terry Lehmans, Peter Vorans and Peter Derlsens. Next we visited Ken and Myrna Penner on Okinawa on a 72-hour visa. Ken is teaching and is the principal of the Okinawa Christian School. Our next stop was Taiwan where we enjoyed the fellowship of the Hildebrandts, Kehlert, Van Den Bergs, Sprungers and others. The hospital at Hwalien is fulfilling a wonderful mission to the Taiwanese. After four days in Taiwan we flew to Hong Kong for a few days. Here we were with the M.C.C. workers on Sunday for church and dinner, otherwise we were on our own.

In Calcutta we were the guests of Helen and Vernon Reimer. They are very wonderful people. They are in M.C.C. work in that area which is demanding and exhausting work at present. Travelling inland by train we next visited Helen Kornelsen and the Jake Giesbrechts with their daughter Hazel under a big tree on one of the first mission stations. We had nineteen wonderful days in India; but since we wanted to join a tour group in the Holy Land we had to leave.

We spent eleven days in Israel seeing how God has fulfilled his prophetic Word, reliving the Bible stories and seeing the places where Jesus walked and taught and lived — yes and died, but we also saw the empty tomb and because He lives we shall also live. What a wonderful Saviour.

From the Holy Land we flew to Kansas and were with Don and Joyce and family for six days.

After that it was back to Vancouver where we spent a few more days with Wilf and Lois at Langley. There we picked up our car, which was all mouldy and musty from that damp B.C. weather, and came to Grande Prairie by way of Salmon Arm and Disbury on April 2 after a 102-day wonderful holiday. We thank God for the health and strength He gave us and for the wonderful opportunity we had in making the trip.

Yes, things happened at home while we were away. Myrtle remarried. She has married one of the local doctors, Winston Backus who has subsequently been elected M.L.A. and since then been appointed Minister of Public Works. Now I go over to their house and make the meals for the family while Myrtle and Winston are in Edmonton.

Sincerely,
John and Emma Loewen



Rev. David W. Brown
Manitoba Prison Chaplain



Dr. Winston Backus
Alberta Minister
of Public Works.

DOMINION LANDS.

INTERIM HOMESTEAD RECEIPT.

No. 5975

Calgary Agency,
10th June 1901

I Certify that I have received from Jacob Williams Braun
the sum of TEN Dollars, being the office fee for Homestead Entry for 1/4
Quarter of Section 6 Township 31 Range 27
West of 4th Meridian, and that the said J. W. Braun
is, in consequence of such entry and payment, vested with the rights conferred on such
cases by the provisions of "The Dominion Lands Act," respecting Homestead rights.

J. G. Sayer
Special Agent

The holder of this receipt is required to give six months' notice in writing to the Commissioner Dominion Lands, Ottawa, before making application for patent.

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Receipt are on file in

the right of way for all irrigation works or canals constructed or proposed to be constructed, and the plans or surveys of which are on file in this office.

NOTE.—This Entry is granted under and subject to the provisions of the Dominion Lands Act and its amendments, governing Homestead Entry for Dominion Lands.

The Jacob Brauns established a unique record when three of them took up homesteads on the same section. The Grandfather, Jacob Braun; the father, Jacob W. Braun; and the son, Jacob Braun, all obtained homesteads on the same section in the Didsbury district of Alberta.

THE JACOB BRAUN BIOGRAPHIES

- Jacob Braun, Homesteader, farmer mixed, 1 sec; GC; Ford, Lo Germ.
- Margaretha Reimer, Hsekpr. GC, WrW.
- Emma Brown, XII, Hsekpr, BSch, Some Coll, music, GC, WMA, Gideon, Aux; b&w, WrW, Eng.
- John Loewen, BA, Farming, 320 ac; Minister, carpenter(Finish), GC, prophecy, politics, Gideons, gardening, World tour, US, Canada, '64 Pontiac, RD, Time, Ch Per, Eng and Lo Germ.
- Myrtle Loewen, XII, Hsekpr, Sec 2 yrs., GC, Singing, sewing, Chatelaine, '72 Datsun, '65 Jeep, 2 WDryer, 2 Dish W, Eng.
- 1. Abe Penner, VIII, Salesman, GC.
- 2. Dr. Win Backus, MD, MLA, LRCP, MRCS, Minister of Pub Works, NAAMM treas, Home and Auto repairs, Europe and NA., '65 Olds, '71 Alpha Romaro, Nat'l Geog, Med'l Mag, RD, 3 b&w, Eng.

Joyce Loewen, XII, BA, Hsekpr, Librarian, 10 yrs. teacher. GC, (Kansas) WMA, Choir director AW, Color, St. Wagn, Eng., '70 Mercury, Nat'l Geog, Eng.

Donald Franz, XII, BA, MA, teacher 17, farmer (with father) 1 sec., GC, deacon, A capella choir, holidayed in Europe in 1955, Ch per, Eng.

Louis Loewen, Maintenance, constr firm, sand blaster, carpentry, UC, choir, music, '65 Olds, '67 Pontiac, St Wgn, RD, Eng.

Carol Dumont, XII, BEd, teacher 8 yrs, UC sewing, photography, Nat'l Geog, Eng.

Robert Loewen, XII, BA, BEd; Teach Eng. in Japan 10 yrs., GC, music, WrW, B&W, Eng, Lo Germ, Japanese.

Anne Konrad, XII, Teacher 12 yrs, in Japan teach Eng in Japan, GC, sewing, RD, NG, Eng.

Lois Loewen, Dental Assist. 3 yrs, GC, music, soloist, '70 Olds, b&w, Eng.

Wilfred Driedger, Furniture dealer, GC, Golf, RD, NG, Eng.

Roland Brown, farmer.

Esther Hamm, IX, hsekpr; Lutheran, flowers, crochet, knit; b&w, WrW, Eng.

Ed Schmideck, VII, farmer, grain, 1/2S, chickens in winter; '68 Pontiac, Eng.

Patricia Brown, hsekpr; Baptist, WrW.

Henry Daku, farmer, Baptist, '67 Chev., Eng.

Miriam Brown, XII, banking clerk, WrW, Eng.

Henry Krahn, trucker, '69 GMC Truck, Eng.

Richard Brown, Minister, Lutheran, '71 Montego, Eng.

Linnea Witty, XII, RN, Lutheran, coinwash, Eng.

Terrence Brown, farmer, grain, 1/2S, Lutheran, Eng., '70 Ford truck 1/2 ton.

Georgina Brown, Hsekpr, md Nov 26, 1936, Ev'l Free Church, '66 Ford, Fargo Tr.

Cornelius Sawatzky, Merchant, Carpenter, Prophetic Word, Time, b&w, RD, AW.

Marjory Sawatzky, RN, missionary to Columbia, sewing, cooking, baking, Time, Fluent in Spanish.

Elsie Sawatzky, RN, Artist, sewing, SD, '67 Plymouth.

Willard Archer, Truck driver.

Steven Sawatzky, Dept of Highways, fishing, hunting, reading, snowmobiling, '66 Dodge truck, motor boat, snowmobile.

Delin Neufeld, LPN.

Diana Sawatzky, very artistic, paints, etc., day nursery, sewing, painting.

Ron Waller, CPR switchman, Calgary, guitarist, sings, '66 Ford.

Janice Sawatzky, XII, Steno, BC Forestry, oil painting, ckking.

Mark Sawatzky, Sawmill employee, mechanic, TV repairman.

James Sawatzky, Sawmill employee, First Yr Uni., plays saxophone, reads, '65 Dodge.

Helena Brown, XII, BEd, teacher, diploma in early C. ed'n., GC, SS teacher.

Lydia Brown, RN, Director of nursing home, Hsekpr; GC, Oxfam, SS; b&w, AW, dish washer, Lo Germ, Eng.

Jacob Penner, Trucker, carpenter, musician; GC, Aid Prairie Bible School, aid 3 missionaries, music; '68 Buick, b&w, Eng.

Kenneth Penner, BEd, Principal Okinawa Chr Sch.; BC-Gr Pr; Toyota b&w, AW, Eng.

Myrna Williams, Bible Scho. grad Caronport; BC-Gr. Pr.; Jap. and Eng.

Dorothy Penner, XII, B I. Head of SS, drapery dept Victoria; 2 yrs psyc nursing; Hoover AW Truck, no tv.

Dale Thompson, Van coast guard; Methodist C; Eng.

Jac Glen Penner, Pr B I grad & missionary internship, Ops rd equip't.; Outdoors man, NG, Life, music.



The Jacob W. Braun home at Didsbury was built in 1914. (Picture per kindness of J. P. Penner, Grande Prairie.)



Jacob W. Braun's cattle in 1949.

George Brown, VIII, farmer, cattle, 1S, 200 steers, 600 hens, GC, AWP, UFAC, '70 Olds, '68 IHC 2-ton truck, b&w.

1. Helen Penner, VIII, GC, AW.
2. Effie Doucette, VIII, GC, RD, CG.

Lyle Brown, IX, mixed, 1/2S, 225 hogs, 86 cattle, GC, SS teacher, deacon, FUA, '70 Chev. ton, b&w.
 Betty Penner, XII, CNA, LA, WrW, stereo.
 Eugene Brown, XII, farmer, partnership with his father, BM, SS Teacher.
 Alice Brown, XII, General Hospital file clerk, BM, Youth work.
 Henry Brown, VIII diary farm, 3/4S, GC, SC Bible sch bd, MCC, UF Co-op, Banff; '70 Chev Monte Carlo, b&w, stereo, Eng, FPw.
 Mary Wiebe, XI, HseW, P-TA, GC, SS teacher, WMA, sec-treas, collects records, enjoys classical music; WrW, Dr, WP, MWR, RD, Chat.
 Ronald Brown, XII, BA, BTh, plans to teach; Member TV Hymn Sing choir, GC, in radio TV artists Ass., Missions Ser Com, b&w, '66 Volvo, Menn Reporter, Chat, RD, MacLean, Menn Mirror, Newsweek.
 Lorna Toews, XII, BTh, Antiques, Selkirk teacher Gr IV, GC, choir, MTS, reading, AW, Dr.
 Verna Brown, CMBC st towards music degree, piano major; GC, sewing, reading.
 Harvey Brown, IX, dairy farmer partnership with father; ch pianist, active in GC, youth camp, restore antique cars, swimming; '62 Chrysler, b&w, Saratoga hardtop, Hot Rod.
 Ruth Brown, XII, HseW, GC, Waterton Lakes, reading, handwork; RD, Menn pub, Eng.
 Peter Poettcker, VII, reading, tennis, GC, Banff, Farm mags.
 Olinda Poettcker, XII, RN, Bible Sch, reading, tennis, Foothills Menn, reading, handwork, Eng, Waterton, Banff.
 Allan Baergen, XII, BEd, Bible grad, Foothills Menn, sports, stamp collecting, reading, Waterton, Banff, Eng, RD, Life, Time.
 Gwendolyn Poettcker, XII, AMM, sacred music degree, Fort Garry Fellowship, sewing, Eng.
 Ken Schlichting, Ed'n from CMBC, XII, Fort Garry Fellowship, Eng.
 Raymond Poettcker, XII, Waterton, Banff, Springridge Menn, Eng, Time, Sports.
 David Brown, XII, diploma Cgr Ed'n, CMBC, BA, BD, GC, Charleswood, Central US, MCC, McLeans, Post, Look, MWR, Menn Pub'ns, '70 Ford, b&w, Eng & Lo Germ.
 Anna Willms, XII, teacher, Simpson-Sears clerk, cooking, collect recipe bks, Yellowstone & Central US, AW, & dr, b&w, '70 Ford, Eng, Lo Germ, Menn Reporter.
 Elsie Brown, VIII, hsekpr, GC, SS teacher, LA, b&w.
 Henry Hamm, XI, farmer, mixed, 1S, 150 head livestock; GC, choir dr., Choral Society dr., '71 Meteor, RD, Time.
 Lois Hamm, XII, BSc, MLS, hsekpr, Lab Technician, UC, SS, AW, b&w, RD.
 Dr. Eugene Huk, DDS, 8; farmer 5/4S, cattle, grass, UC, Toastmasters, Nat'l Geog'c, '71 Chrysler.
 Luella Hamm, XII, RN, 5; GC, missionary in Chad Africa.
 Vera Hamm, XII, U student — Pre-med., GC, 10 speed bike.
 Ruth Brown, XII, hse wife, 27 yrs, GC-SS teacher, sewing, reading, quilting.
 Peter Poettcker, VII, Farmer, GC, SS supt. RD, Menn per.
 Olinda Poettcker, XII, RN clinic, 2 yrs MBI grad, GC, knitting.
 Allan Baergen, XII, BEd, MBI grad, Book and Stamp collecting, Photography.
 Gwendolyn Poettcker, XII, music teacher, GC, reading.
 Kenneth Schlichting, XII, CMBC grad, Christian Ed'n, Sports, reading, Time.
 Raymond Poettcker, XII, student in Bible at Swift Current, Sports, Time.
 Helena Braun, Hsekpr, Lo Germ.
 Jacob Reddekopp, Country merchant, Lo Germ.
 Leona Redekopp, Bk deposit bx custodian, UC, Royal Bk Club, Needle work, '67 Austin, color, AW, RD, New Yorker, Eng.
 John MacInnes, Pilot, Com. RAF.
 John MacInnes, Can. Forces Capt., '68 Volvo, '70 Peugeot.
 Joan Smith, Capt nursing instructor, Skiing, painting, Time, Newsweek, b&w, AW, Eng.
 Walter Reddekopp, Draftsman, XI, UC, '68 Pontiac.
 Mylene Thomas, XI, Hsekpr, UC, RD, NG, Color, AW, Eng.
 Brenda Reddekopp, RN, Calgary Gen Hosp, Hsekpr, UC, Trailering, Sewing, Gd Hsekpg, '66 Chrysler, color, AW, Can Nurse, Eng.
 Chas. Hayes, XII, Constable, skiing, woodwork, Eng.
 Judy Reddekopp, BEd, BLSc, Crafts, Atlantic Mthly, New Yorker, Sat Nite.
 Niel Reddekopp, 2nd yr U, New Republic, Harpers, Sport News.
 George Reddekopp, Design draftsman, XI, UC, Elks, '67 Pontiac, '61 Pontiac.
 Julia Nolan, Librarian, 3rd yr U, UC, Color, AW, Eng.
 Gordon Reddekopp, XII, statistics, UC, Time, RD, '71 Chevelle, color.
 Ruby Thomas, XI, Hsekpr, AW, Eng.
 Cameron Reddekopp, XII, UC '71 Cortina.
 Rae Reddekopp, XI.
 Vera Reddekopp, XII, BA, Hsekpr, UC, Sewing, knitting, '68 Meteor, '64 VW.
 Art Hamilton, XII, a AC, FR i, RE appraiser, RE agt, b&w, WD, dishwasher, Eng.
 Laurie Hamilton, XII, 2 yrs art, guitar student, teacher in Spain, Eng.
 Holly Hamilton, XII, IX piano, Eng.
 Peter Reddekopp, XII, BEd, Ass't Spt Three Hills Sch Div, UC, '69 Pontiac, b&w, Eng.
 Peggy Boese, XII, BEd, teacher, UC, sewing, curling, AW, Time, Newsweek, McCalls, Sports Eng.
 Maria Braun, VIII, clerk & telephone op in Reddekopp's Sunnyslope gen store. Hsekpr., Linden MB church, active in WCF; quilting; '66 Ford Galaxie, b&w, AW, Eng, CG, WP, MacLeans.

Samuel Ratzlaff, Farmer, grain and dairy, 1S, 45; MB, Eng.

Verda Mae Ratzlaff, Teacher 15 yrs; 1 yr BSch, 2½ yr U; married widower with 3 small ch'n, had 1 son; Linden MB church, sing in choir, direct SS choir, knit, read, b&w, AW, DW, Eng. Gd Hsekpg. Newsweek, Eng.

Emerson Sept, MF dealer in Three Hills, MB, sing in choir; '71 Plymouth Fury 3.

Raymond Ratzlaff, BEd, MEd Linden teacher & principal 14 yrs, MLA for Linden 4 yrs and Minister of Industry and tourism 2 yrs. Linden MB church, directs Edmonton Alliance church choir; '67 Ford Galaxie, Eng. b&w, W&D, Time, Eng.

Dorothea Klassen, Sch teacher, 3 ch'n; MB.

Zelda Marie Ratzlaff, RN since 1953; VON, Supervisor of nursing, from MBBC, BRE, BNsg (McGill) Gen Office work; Linden MB church, church and choir pianist, Reading, photography; '71 Plymouth, b&w, AW, Eng, Gd Hsekpg, MB Herald.

Helen Jean Ratzlaff, XII, Sec'l course with U matric, constr office sec 10 yrs; hsekpr; Linden MB church; Sec-treas WCF, sing in church choir; read; AW, b&w, Eng, Gd Hskpg. '71 Datsun.

Nicolai Wiens, Linden H Sch teacher, MB Eng. MB Herald.

Doris Doreen Ratzlaff, XII with U Matric, RN, hsekpr, 3 ch'n, Linden MB church affiliated with two by faith in Nipawin, S; read and cook; AW, Eng.

Larry King, Journeyman mechanic and vocational teacher in Nipawin, S., MB '61 Ford Merc, Eng. Time, Eng.

Susannah Ida Ratzlaff, XII, Sec'l office course; Dental Sec'y, Linden MB church, speaker; active interest sales programme in which husband is involved, '66 Meteor Con. '72 Meteor, Eng, AW, Gd Hskpg, Time.

Irvin Harder, Sales Mgr Walbern Ind Ltd; Linden, MB, Color, Eng.

Isaac Brown, VIII, Diploma Mt View Bible Sch; '41 ordained minister, Missionary Ch, Outdoor Life, Eng. RD,

Alta Chadbourne, hsekpr, seamstress, AW, Dr, Menn Review.

Albert Brown, Battery op in oil fields, 12; '68 Ford HT, Eng.

Kathleen Depage, RD, b&w, AW.

Joyce Brown, XII, Nat'l Geog'c, '71 Ford sedan.

Dennis Penner, IX, Chat, b&w, '62 Falcon.

Paul Brown, IX, pressure welder, 8; welders' union, '70 Ford Camper.

Jaquie Paquette, XII, b&w, Eng.

Jacob Brown, XII, BA, social worker, psychology, MB, MB Herald, b&w, '70, Mercury, Eng.

Sarah Braun, VIII, CNA (Certified Nursing Aid) Pres Women's Church Aid, Supt UC SS, Valedictorian at CNA graduation, Member Eastern Star Lodge; 12 years nursing, obstetrics preferred, member UC, active in church mission charities; interested in spectator sports, music, sewing, crocheting, knitting, figure skating and horseback riding in her youth. '68 Chev Biscayne, b&w, AW, Eng and "plaut dietsch". My three ch'n understand Low German; oldest is the best. Isobel enjoys speaking plaut dietsch when in the bank, to customers with Mennonite names, and see their shocked expressions.

Robert Milligan, Graduate Royal Academy, Ayrshire, Scotland; banker, 12; 2nd Lieutenant; Returning Officer for Federal and Provincial elections; Presbyterian Church in Scotland now UC; church choir member, baritone singer; tennis and spectator sports; Salvation Army red shield charities.

Vernon Milligan, XI, graduate in Industrial electricity at SAIT since 1948; Realty, AWP electrician, Maintenance inspector Alberta Housing corp, farming 5/4S after working hours; Swedenborg, '65 Rambler, ½ ton gov't van, AW, color, PD, Eng. World Affairs.

Luella Reddekopp, XI, banker 13, hsekpr; Swedenborg, Bridge club, Eng. business and financial reports.

Ian Milligan, IX, fire fighter, chief and inspector for gov'ts of Canada and NWT, 21, curling and flying, holds pilot's license for single engine aircraft; UC, elder, Masonic Lodge Worshipful Master; reads World Affairs and politics. Drives small compact.

Ruby Hildebrand, XII, Steno No. 3, NH&W, 1 yr, Supply teacher, Moose Factory 2, Medical Records Clerk, Brownie Pack leader; UC, Eastern Star member, AW, b&w, Eng.

Helen Milligan, XII, assistant at C Royal Bank 9; secretarial courses; UC, choir work, piano, Grade IX Toronto Conservatory. Reads fiction. b&w, AW, Eng.

David Milligan, IX, motor man on oil drilling crew; labourer, 1 yr garage; mechanic; Spectator sports, '68 Olds, Delta 88, b&w, AW, sports magazines, Eng.

Barbara Manger, IX Business Ad'n and Commercial Law, Bank teller, ass't acc't 5; UC (born a Catholic) choir work, Eng.

Margaret Milligan, XII and Interior decorating course; has done part clerking in drug store, curling and bowling; UC and the ch'n attend Salvation Army SS, AW, color, reads periodicals '69 Pontiac.

John Fuchs, IX, (from University of Hard Knocks), trucker 20; big game hunting, curling, bowling; Baptist, '64 Olds, '72 GMC truck, '71 GMC Tandem truck, Skidoo, Wildlife, owns two homes, Eng.

Harvey Milligan, XII, and Business Ad'n, parts man at GM in Calgary, spectator sports, skating, bowling, curling, baseball; interested in finance and politics; '72 Chev Impala Coupe.

Linda Anderson, XII, grade 9 piano Toronto Conservatory; has been jewellery store clerk and a bank teller each for one yr. Presbyterian, Sings, swims, knits, Eng.

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Grande Prairie, Alta.,
9622-111 Ave.,
Nov. 24, 1971.

Dear Cousin Peter,

My sister Lydia asked if we had a letter from you regarding a family tree. I am Emma, the eldest of the Jacob W. Braun clan. Most of us were registered "Brown" except David and perhaps Henry who, however, changed it to "Brown".

We were sorry to miss the August 1 reunion since John and I know so many of the Brown-Warkentin family personally having lived in Altona 1957-62. Yes, we know you too but you may have forgotten us. We often went to Winkler to visit our "freundschaft" and we also were at public functions in the Winkler Collegiate where you were. John was the Social Credit candidate for Lisgar in '62. Just thought you might remember him that way.

I know our father best as a very hard-working, very strong and a very faithful man both to his family and to the church. He was at the head of most community activities such as the band, where he played the tuba; the U. of A., the school board and many other things I could mention. However, his first concern was his family. He saw to it that we received a good education beyond grade school. (If we wanted it.) He drove 16 miles with horse and buggy so that I could have piano lessons in the early years. When it was time to go to Sunday School he saw to it that we were there on time. He was a good provider so that we always had all we needed — yes, even a quarter which we could spend as we wanted when we went to town.

In the early days he took us to the Calgary Stampede. Sometimes we went by train from Didsbury. At other times we covered the fifty miles of dirt road by Model T, but he gave us the opportunity. Yes, we did have to stand around and wait for him while he looked at all the machinery until he was ready to take us to the ferris wheel, Crack the Whip, the grandstand and to the side-shows — like seeing very fat women and midgets.

We all admired his strength. There are many stories about it. One fall, and John corroborates this as he was working for Papa, (we always called him that), and saw it. It was threshing time. All the men had unhooked their teams and had gone in for dinner, leaving their bundle wagons where they were standing, some at the machine, others elsewhere. Since it was Papa's outfit he was the first one out after dinner to get everything going again. It seems the men were a bit slow returning to work after their meal. Hence, instead of waiting for them with their teams, Papa pulled, yes pulled, a full rack of bundles to the feeder and started pitching them in before the other men arrived at the



Robert Loewen at his graduation.



Abe and Myrtle Penner and children in May 1969. Abe died in June, 1969, in a car-bus accident.



machine. John hitched his horses to the empty bundle wagon and saw this. What a man!

Though he was strong and quite often blunt and stern he also had beautiful blue eyes that twinkled and could he laugh! They always knew when Jake Braun was around.

He had a bit of a reputation for fast driving. If a neighbor saw a cloud of dust they figured it must be Jake Braun.

Once in Calgary he wanted to make a turn where there was a no "U" turn sign and the police told him "You cannot do that." Papa twinkled back at the officer and said, "I ti-i-ink I can," and he did, and he wasn't even given a ticket. Well, he was older at that time.

However, his dedication to spiritual matters was never questioned. When there was anything needed at the church, whether it was financial assistance, manual labor, counselling or other help, he was always ready and willing. The place he regularly occupied in the front pew was noticed for a long time after he was gone.

I shall complete the questionnaire you sent and forward it shortly.

Sincerely yours,
John and Emma Loewen.



Top left, clock-wise:

George R. Brown, his horse and his mother; Mary and Carl Henry Brown; Ruth and Peter Poettcker; George R. and family visiting at the Peter Browns in Winkler; Ronald Brown of Hymn Sing at the Reunion.

Linden, Alberta,
November 29, 1971.

Greetings in the worthy name of Jesus,

We are very grateful for the change in our conditions since I tried to put a letter together a year ago. Alta came home from the hospital on December 23, 1970. The effects of her illness left her so weak that she was unable to walk across the floor of the room unaided. By Easter she was sufficiently recovered to be able to come over to the school and supervise our work.

My sister Sadie retired from her nursing job at Medicine Hat in November, 1970. This was a great convenience for us because it was really not safe to leave my wife alone while I did the work at the school. Sadie moved in and became chief cook and bottle washer for a while. She was with us off and on until July when she also helped out with the summer cleaning at the school.

The highlight of the year was when we received an invitation to come to a Braun Festival at Stanley Park, seven miles southwest of Morden, Manitoba. My Grandfather Braun came from Southern Russia in 1875. My oldest uncle from the Braun side had a son, Peter, retired from teaching school. My uncle younger than my father also had a son Peter retired from farming. These two Peter Browns got together and organized a gathering for August 1st. It was a very worthwhile program indeed. We were happy to note that at least twenty representatives of the family tree were present from Alberta. Altogether about 500 gathered for the day, some coming from as far as California, Oregon, Nebraska, and B.C. A number who are resident in Manitoba entertained us royally.

As time went on it became increasingly evident that Alta would be unable to take full responsibility in our job as she had previously done. Consequently, our resignation went into effect on October 30th of this year. After seventeen years spent as caretaker of the school, it seems real restful to watch our successor walk over there and do his daily dozen. So far there has been no snow, but I am anxious to see how it will look to see someone else clear about a foot of snow off half a mile of sidewalk.

Our children are in good health at present, which is much to be thankful for. Albert is presently unemployed and living with his family near Three Hills. Paul, with his wife and two children, has just moved to Calgary where he has a job at his welding trade. Jake is still employed at Calgary city hall as a social worker specializing in juvenile delinquency. He deals principally with the 12-16 age group who have gotten into trouble with the law. Joyce, with her husband and two children, is still living here in Linden. Dennis is a sales representative for Walbern Industries.

We close with a Merry Christmas from our house to your house.

Sincerely,
Isaac and Alta Brown.

8618-99St.,
Grande Prairie, Alberta,
Jan. 29, 1972.

Dear Cousin,

You have a tremendous task compiling a Family Register. Jake and I were at the Brown Reunion last August 1st and enjoyed it.

I graduated from nurses' training school in 1933 and I am so grateful to my parents for making it possible for me to go to school to prepare for training. In those days school wasn't handed out on a silver platter — you had to go and get it. I have worked 12-hour shifts for years with only half days a week "off." My salary? \$25.00 per month after graduation and I was thankful to receive it. It was good pay.

I took care of a 14-month-old child in the country sick with teething and flu by myself without a doctor's help. The child's temperature would rise from 101 degrees to 107 degrees in a few minutes many times and I had to bring her out of her convulsions by wrapping her in a sheet wrung out of ice-cold water. It was a miracle that she lived. I did not go to bed for five days. The house was so cold that I wore my overshoes indoors.



Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Penner of Grande Prairie, 8618-99 St., Alberta.

During the long night vigils I washed diapers, cleaned chickens (which the child's father had brought in from the barn with their heads chopped off) for Christmas dinner — since I was there during that festive season. Sometimes I baked biscuits for breakfast when the bread supply had run out. It was a hard experience.

Yes, in the nursing profession we actually do have unusual experiences. After all, we are concerned with keeping people well, yet people do die. I recall during a very cold winter day a neighbor came for me with a sleigh and horses to tend a little girl who had a bad cut across her forehead through the eyebrow. I shaved the hair off, cleaned the wound with merthiolate, pushed the edges of the cut together and stuck it shut with adhesive tape. Today she has a lovely straight scar.

By now I have had a great deal of hospital experience. I have really enjoyed nursing immensely, but the last years I have spent as the Director of Nursing both in Active Hospital and in Home Nursing care.

By the calendar I can see that my nursing days are likely numbered, though to date I have not felt the hot breath in my neck of the chap with the long gray beard and carrying a scythe on his shoulder. In my profession, however, we soon learn that he sneaks up behind the best of us, snaps at our heels and lays us low. I am being wary and my aim is to ward him off a while longer.

Sincerely,
Jake and Lydia Penner.



Ken and Myrna Penner with Myron, Susanne and Kevin at the Okinawa Christian School, Box 42, Urasoe, Okinawa.

Isaiah 6:8 — I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send? Then said I, Here I am; send me.



Helena Brown, B.A., Didsbury school teacher.



Henry and Elsie Hamm
Standing, l to r: Luella Hamm, Dr. Eugene Huk, Mrs. Lois Huk, Vera Hamm.
Seated, l to r: Henry Hamm, Michael Huk, Paula Huk and Mrs. Elsie Hamm.



Jake Braun, the one-man threshing crew.



The Dr. Winston and Myrtle Backus Family
From l-r: Richard Backus, Wayne Penner, Donald Penner, Mrs. Richard Backus, Dr. Winston and Myrtle Backus, Ried Penner, Elizabeth Backus, Robert Backus, Myrna Penner.

A TRIP TO CARBON FOR COAL

My father, Jacob Braun, had bought each of his two sons, Peter and George, a cowboy hat similar to those worn by the R.N.W.M.P. These hats were typical fair-weather head-wear. But it was such a beautiful day, a warm chinook wind softly blowing from the southwest, comfortably caressing driver and horses. What could possibly be better than a hat on such a pleasant sunny day?

George had insisted that he wear his new hat on that trip to the coal mine. It was a two-day trip at best, and if the coal was not readily available, it might well take three days. This was such a time. It was not until quite late the second day that father and George had their wagons loaded and were able to start for home forty miles away.

Very suddenly the chinook turned into a blizzard from the northwest. It began and continued full force. My good dad has spoken many times about how hard it is to control both teams of horses hitched tandem in a blinding storm, especially with the help of a young foolish boy aged 15 or 16 at the time when the lad is wearing a cowboy hat and is, therefore, in imminent danger of having his ears frozen off.

Added to these difficulties was the ornery disposition of one of the horses they were driving, and you have a bushel of trouble. That horse would simply not keep to the road. Many horses will follow a trail when it is hardly discernable by a man, but others will wander anywhere. Bill was such a horse. The route was over prairie trails, with no fences for miles.

They were very grateful when they came to a settler's cabin and could stay the night.

— Isaac Brown,
Box 211, Linden, Alberta.



Standing l-r: Gordon Reddekopp, Mrs. Helena and Jacob Reddekopp, George Reddekopp.
Seated: Leona, James, Peter, Vera, Walter.



Mrs. Joyce (Loewen) Franz, B.A.,
Bethel College.



Ronald Brown, B.A., (U. of W.);
B.C.Ed., (CMBC); member CBC Hymn
Sing for fourth season.

THE JACOB W. BRAUN HOME

Our father and mother provided us with a very good home. While we came through lean years, we always had plenty of good food: meat, milk, vegetables, fruit and others all of which was tastily prepared and cheerfully served. In the coldest of winter weather our house was always warm for fuel, both wood and coal, were plentiful in Alberta and available largely for the labor.

When I was about seven years old, Dad came home from town one day with a big surprise for us. On the democrat was a large object carefully covered with blankets. To our wonderment there was a piano under the blankets. He and Mom wanted music in their home, and he didn't think anything of taking Emma, my oldest sister, to Disbury for music lessons — a distance of 16 miles and with horses.

We did not have a church nearby for some time. Our Sunday mornings were spent around the piano singing hymns until dinner time. We have a wonderful heritage left us from that time, a heritage of Christian parents and grandparents.

We still have our father's receipt for the Home stead Entry fee that was issued him in 1901. That land now belongs to our brother George Brown who was at the Brown Reunion August, 1971.

Our father was noted for his great strength and Jake, my husband, tells how he practised until he was able to lift the 100-pound anvil by the cone-shaped horn with one hand like Dad did.

We have other fond memories, such as the heated rocks wrapped in sacks to keep our feet warm when we went to school. We also had a large fur robe with which we covered ourselves on the really cold days. Our Christmas concerts were a never-to-be-forgotten joy. We had delightful ball games at home when our Dad would come and play with us. We still remember listening for the crunch of the horses' hooves and the sound of the sleigh when Father would come home from town or from the coal mine.

But life in those days was not all play. There was work to be done. Work for every one. Plenty of work and we all worked hard, but not too hard. We are all thankful for the wonderful home our Mother and Dad gave us, for their love and care, and especially, for their example in a Christ-filled life. This we shall cherish all our days and be grateful.

Sincerely,
Jake and Lydia Penner.



John and Emma Loewen , after his graduation from Bethel College.



David Braun, "Just Looking." Can he know the future?

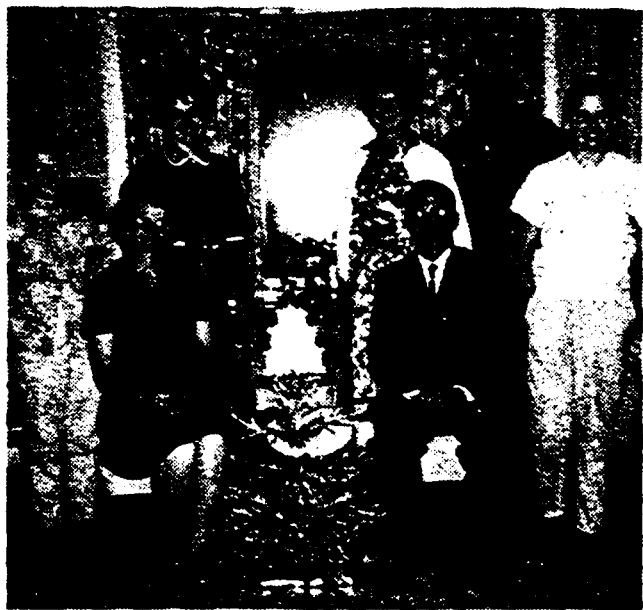


Mary Warkentin and Mary Brown.

Georgina and Cornelius Sawatzky



at their wedding,



at their 25th anniversary with five of their seven children,



Robert and Anne Loewen with Lori and Wendolyn teaching in Tokyo.



and recently.

WE COME FROM DIFFERENT BACKGROUNDS.
Life is Often Cruel.

Mara, B.C.,
Jan. 25, '72.

Dear Cousin Peter,

I am sending some pictures for the family tree. I am one of eleven children, 5 boys and 6 girls, born to Jacob Braun and Margaret Reimer. There are nine of us today. David, our youngest brother, lives in Winnipeg.

In 1936 I was married to Cornelius Sawatzky. He came from Chortitza in South Russia in 1923 with his parents, 6 brothers and 2 sisters. He was sixteen at that time and straightway found a job on a farm. Life in Russia at that time had not been easy. Because of the political situation food had been scarce and therefore he was not too strong physically.

He did have many jobs but he worked for one farmer for more than four years at \$45.00 per month. He always gave his pay cheque to his parents to help them pay their fare from Russia. Today, no doubt, the cheques would have to go in the other direction and even then they might strike for higher pay, and, too often, their elders are no longer respected.

We have had different and varied occupations during our thirty-five years of married life. In Revelstoke we had a dairy farm and delivered milk to the town. For several years in Albert Canyon we were postmaster and mistress. There our children had a wonderful time learning to swim in a naturally warm spring just half a mile up the mountain. From there we moved to Salmon Arm so that our girls could attend high school. Cornelius was the mailman at S.A. and delivered the mail on RR #1 for fourteen years.

At present we are operating a general store at Mara, B.C.

We hope that the next time there is a gathering of the Brown clan we will be able to attend. Nevertheless, if we never meet together here below if we belong to the heavenly family of whom Christ is the head we shall be reunited up there. I John 3:2-3

Sincerely,
Cornelius and Georgina Sawatzky.

CHAPTER VII THE JOHANN BRAUN FAMILY



Standing, l-r: John, Mary, Anna, Elizabeth.
Seated: Mrs. Anna Braun, Peter J. Braun, Mr. Johann Braun, Tena Braun.

THE JOHANN BRAUNS OF GLENCROSS

My parents were Johann Braun and Anna Hoepfner. They were married on December, 24, 1884 at Waldheim. We were seven, 5 girls and 2 boys. I being the last to arrive and having 2 sisters as my immediate predecessors, one of whom passed away at the early age of ten, it was natural that I would inherit hand-me-downs in the haberdashery department from them. Indeed, this legacy kept me in female attire until I was of school age. It was all a matter of thrift, a family tradition of many years. These garments were comfortable and very easy to slip into and out of, but, since other boys of my age shunned me completely, it was mental cruelty of the worst kind.

Grandpa Braun has been credited with skill both as a farmer and as a blacksmith. These skills rubbed off on to his sons only indifferently well and even less so on to his grandsons. Seldom did a neighbor return to have a plow share sharpened a second time. In lighter vein if dad sharpened shares they never came back.

While grandpa and some of my uncles obtained their real estate by exercising their homestead rights, my father had to purchase each of the ten quarters that he eventually owned. Often this was a matter of compulsion. His first purchase was such gumbo that it turned out to be more suited for striking bricks than for cultivation. What a waste of horse-power that farm turned out to be. When the half section that finally became the base of Dad's farming operations became available,

Dad acquired what he wanted, namely, good soil, shelter and a brook with running water. James Stodders, the original owner, had given his name to the area known as Stodderville and my father acquired the office of Postmaster of Stodderville with his land purchase. He retained this position until the construction of the Midland Railway in 1907. This gave us daily mail service via Morden. Since our school was called Glencross, after a Scottish community known as Glen Cross, our mail came to Glencross via Morden.

The volume of mail was minimal compared with today's. All currency was sent by registered mail and all in the family learned to hand out the mail.

The old log buildings on this farm yard became our permanent home. The farm yard was surrounded by dense oak woods which extended through a deep ravine that ran in an easterly direction a stone's throw south of the buildings. During the spring break-up and after heavy summer rains, a regular torrent raced through the deep valley.

On stormy nights this dark ravine gave one those eerie feelings that frighten children and family dogs. Coyotes and hoot owls added to the weird disturbing effects by their yapping, hooting and wailing. Then our family dog, Heims, would come a-whimpering and s-scratching at the front door begging for entrance. Mother would open the door for him. Indoors the dog sought safety under the bed where I as a pre-schooler, would join him. On such nights only the strong and the brave ventured outdoors.

Those old buildings harbored hordes of bugs and insects, especially when neither doors nor windows were screened. The sting of the mosquitoes and horse flies, the clicking of the death beetles and the Katy-dids, the biting of the blood-suckers, the rasping of the crickets, the buzzing of the bull-flies and the house-flies made for many restless nights during which the colorful phosphorescent flashes of the fire-flies gave but slight relief.

Although I do not recall seeing buffalo roam over the bald prairies or graze in the valleys between the Pembinas, nor did I see oxen hitched to Red River carts or covered wagons carrying immigrants over dusty trails, but I do recall the horse and buggy days and the four-horse gang plow with the horses hitched four-abreast or in tandem. All these were signs of progress in bringing the treeless plains under cultivation. This two-furrow gang plow did much to open the West to the production of grains. It was a three-wheeler. The largest of those wheels ran on the stubble side; the second largest was the front-furrow wheel. It kept the plow aligned to the unplowed portion of the land thus avoiding skips in the operation. The smallest wheel was the rear-furrow wheel. Its function was to force the shares to cut full-width furrow slices. It



Clockwise from top left: Mrs. Helen Warkentin, Johann Braun, Mrs. Anna Loewen, Mrs. Maria Loewen, Mrs. Peter Hoepner.



Standing, clockwise, from top left: Mary (Hoepner) Wiebe, Lizzie (Braun) Martens, Mrs. Johann (Anna Hoepner) Braun, Annie Braun holding John Martens.

achieved this by running obliquely against the uncut sod. All told the plow was a simple but most remarkable piece of equipment at the disposal of the farmer.

Yes, it took four horses to handle the 2-bottom 14-inch riding plow. In heavy soil this was a work-load for Clydes. Ponies did not do it. The modern 24-run seed drill was definitely of lighter draft. The seed-drill with dust-proof bearings arrived after the gang-plow was well-known. Used in dry soil conditions the descriptive term "Dust-proof" was a sad misnomer. One of two things usually happened all too soon. Either the bearing wore badly from the dust that filtered past the dust-proofing or the discs stuck and had to be disassembled, cleaned and oiled.

Power to do his work has been the wish of man through the ages. Technology today has placed literally thousands of horse-power at the disposal of every man, woman and child in the form of light, heat, transportation, communication and in industry in Manitoba. Sailors used wind-power for transportation; farmers used it for pumping water and crushing grain. Steam power in stationary engines had many uses, but steam power for field work was something else again due to the massive construction of steam tractors. Their size and weight robbed the brutes of much of their potential power and, of course, it took too long to produce a head of usable steam. To date the light weight of oil



Johann Braun and Mrs. Braun with Anna and sister Elizabeth.



Mrs. Elizabeth (Brown) Martens.

and gas tractors per horsepower has gone far to solve the farmer's problem. Add to this factor the enclosed dust-proof power-train, the air-conditioned cab, the ease of servicing the moving parts, the rubber mounting with its resultant increase in speed and the farmer has the hired-hand that has increased a man's hourly out-put manifold.

The early Scottish settlers riding to hounds after the fox, elk and deer along the Pembina Hills probably were the bane of the farmers' fenced pastures and his cultivated grain fields. However, that same Anglo-Saxon had the organizing know-how to establish schools and operate municipal governments. The construction of the Glencross school was a real boon to a much larger community than this school district was eventually reduced to.

I early developed a genuine thirst for school life at the age of six when I was allowed to accompany my younger sister to a Friday session. Mr. John R. Walkof was the teacher. He made me feel right at home that first day. I liked his stories and his games and from that day on he has stood tall and straight in my book. Had the School Board seen fit to retain him on staff I would not likely have quit school at the end of Grade 8.

The names of the children in the school register reflect the varied backgrounds of the Glencross population. I early learned about such

family names as Boehlig, Blay, Brown, Boyle, Harder, Dyck, Hoepfner, Fehr, Miller, Neufeld, Thornton, Schaventski, Schultz, Warkentin, Wiebe and others. This was a real melting-pot and without any discrimination, but no fusion at the school age either. Even the nicknames were in good taste.

“Low key” was no musical term in Glencross at the turn of the century. It was a descriptive term of a life style and of living conditions of the people who had gained a measure of prosperity in twenty-five years. Neither the eight-hour day not the daily wage had been even thought of at that time. A day’s work meant from sun-up to sun-down with very likely on many days a few hours added at each end. The desire to “get ahead” was uppermost in the minds of those early pioneers.

There was no sex discrimination in my family either. Field work, out-door work, all manual labor was the lot of all. The type of work did not vary for men and women, but the change was seasonal. It began early in life, for myself, I being but of slight build, it began at eight years of age. Today I would envy the lot of the Hutterite kids who do not begin to do man’s work before eighteen.

The second generation Braun and Hoepfner families both had five sons, but there were only two Hoepfner daughters to the four Braun girls. Since they happened to live in neighboring villages, namely Osterwick and Waldheim, no more than five miles distant from one



Mr. and Mrs. Peter Buhr at left and Helena Warkentin and Johann Braun in Nebraska.

another, it was natural that liaisons would develop between them. The wit, artistry and adventure of the Hoepners found its counterpart in the provident industry and the practical perseverance of the Brauns. They appreciated each other's outlook on life, their honesty and their native talents. Two family unions were formed, for "work" had not yet become a "four-letter" word.

Work was honorable and it was the sure road to success. People strove to be achievers. That was the one ambition of the pioneers. They had come to Canada as "landless" people and here they saw an opportunity to escape that calumny.

After thirty-five years of successful farming, those old-timers entered the 'teen years with great expectations. They had the land, the equipment and above all they had the years. They were middle-aged. My father had found employment as a youth with an English neighbor at \$125 a year with the hope that he would thereby learn the language of the country. He did this well enough so that in due course he served as a Stanley councillor, as a Glencross school trustee and soon as Board Chairman; in his retirement to Winkler his fellow-towns-men chose him as their mayor; and when he returned to his farm in Glencross, he became the Reeve of the Municipality of Stanley.

That takes us to the period in time, when regardless of the language of the home everyone increased his vocabulary of English words. People began talking about auto-buggies, horseless carriages; vehicles that ran on solid rubber tires. There were gasoline engines, carburetors, steering wheels, spark plugs and many more. Slowly but surely prosperity had come to these impoverished immigrants from a land where servitude would have been their lot to the end of their days. In Manitoba they were beginning to buy automobiles; they were building better homes; two-storey homes; some were installing running-away-water systems; others learned about basement heating systems, furnaces, that enabled them to have warm, comfortable temperatures throughout the house.

Then came the holocaust of 1914-1918. This was followed by the flu epidemic brought across the Atlantic by returning servicemen. This silenced the happy, carefree singing and rubbed off the smiles of contentment from people's faces.

The inflation and high prices that followed W.W.I added to the confusion and dislocation of public and private enterprises that piled disaster upon disaster. Change became the norm until the staid form of country living was replaced by urbanization evidenced by luxury cars on church parking lots Sunday mornings, a blaze of electric lights on farm yards, on village streets and neon signs along the avenues, rural electrification that has removed the wood shed, livestock and barns from many family farm yards and produced a cityward rush from the

land. The rural school has well-nigh disappeared from the scene and pupils are being bussed to centrally located monstrosities where these trends are endorsed and fostered. We are all becoming ever more a part of all that we have met. Needless to say we willingly approve of many of these changes but we could not bid them stop even should we wish to do so. The daily paper, radio, TV, the aeroplane, and the super-jet have become our master opinion formers with or against our will. Rural as well as urban society is today in a flux and neither people nor nations any longer live onto themselves. Today no man can be an island.

P. J. Brown,
605 Jubilee Ave.,
Winnipeg, Man.

THE JOHANN BRAUN AND ANNA HOEPPNER FAMILY REGISTER

<p>3rd gen. Anna Braun John Fehr</p>	<p>Born-Died 1887-1963 1885-1948</p>		
<p>4th gen. Lizzie Fehr Peter Reimer</p>	<p>Born-Died 1919-1967 1917-</p>	<p>5th gen. Ronald Reimer Kenneth Reimer Patricia Cameron Carol Reimer Glen Wetch Patricia Reimer Allan Reimer Lorne Reimer Larry Reimer Lenard Reimer Leona Reimer Richard Reimer</p>	<p>Born-Died 1943- 1944- 1949- 1946- 1945- 1947- 1949- 1952- 1954- 1956- 1956- 1962-</p>
<p>Mary Fehr John Kiniak</p>	<p>1925- 1916-</p>	<p>Lois Kiniak RN Ernest Brezinski Frances Kiniak Lyle Bradshaw Gloria Kiniak Elaine Kiniak</p>	<p>1943- 1940- 1947- 1947- 1948- 1952-</p>
<p>Helen Fehr Dave Schellenberg</p>	<p>1928- 1919-</p>	<p>Edward Schellenberg</p>	<p>1959-</p>
<p>Susie Fehr</p>	<p>1931-1939</p>		
<p>6th gen. James Wetch Sheryl Wetch</p>	<p>Born-Died 1968- 1969-</p>		
<p>Michelle Brezinski Brent Brezinski Jeffrey Bradshaw</p>	<p>1967- 1969- 1968-</p>		
<p>Elizabeth Braun John Martens</p>	<p>1889- 1886-1943</p>		
<p>John Martens Betty Peters</p>	<p>1912-1967 1915-</p>	<p>Gladys Martens Norman Philips Joyce Martens Vernon Fosse Robert Martens</p>	<p>1941- 1937- 1944- 1938- 1955-1955</p>
<p>Lizzie Martens Frank Zacharias</p>	<p>1917- 1916-</p>	<p>Alvina Zacharias Abram Neufeld</p>	<p>1940- 1937-</p>
<p>William Martens</p>	<p>1928-1928</p>		
<p>Mary Anne Martens Edward Schott</p>	<p>1932- 1930-</p>	<p>Edward Schott Carrey Schott Rendall Schott Robert Schott</p>	<p>1952- 1955- 1956-1958 1959-</p>
<p>Brenda Philips Daren Philips Tracey Philips Tod Fosse Tora Fosse</p>	<p>1961- 1963- 1968- 1968- 1970-</p>		
<p>Lawrence Neufeld Debbra Neufeld Karen Neufeld</p>	<p>1956- 1958- 1960-</p>		
<p>Mary Braun Jacob Epp</p>	<p>1891- 1890-</p>		
<p>Martha Epp 1. Jac. M. Wiebe 2. Peter P. Wall</p>	<p>1916- 1912- 1900-</p>	<p>Jacob Wiebe Martha Wiebe Miranda Wall</p>	<p>1939-1939 1941-1941 1959-</p>
<p>Esther Epp</p>	<p>1920-1926</p>		
<p>Lydia Epp Ralph Clein</p>	<p>1927- 1913-</p>	<p>Robert Clein Daniel Clein</p>	<p>1958- 1963-</p>
<p>Frank Epp Elizabeth Dueck</p>	<p>1930- 1930-</p>	<p>Russell Epp Rhonda Epp Gerald Epp Linda Epp David Epp</p>	<p>1957- 1960- 1961- 1965- 1970-</p>

<p>4th gen. Harvey Epp Dian Karen McCraw</p>	<p>Born-Died 1934-</p>		
<p>3rd gen. John Brown Helen Doerksen</p>	<p>Born-Died 1893-1942 1894-</p>		
		<p>5th gen. Luella Brown Gordon Brown Helen Brown Timothy Brown Harold Brown</p>	<p>Born-Died 1948- 1950- 1953- 1954- 1956-</p>
<p>John Brown Mary Neufeld</p>	<p>1924- 1926-</p>		
<p>Robert Brown</p>	<p>1925-</p>		
<p>Luella Brown 1. Bruce Fargey 2. Douglas Burton</p>	<p>1927-</p>	<p>Sharon Fargey Nick Frazius Wayne Fargey Dennis Fargey</p>	<p>1949- 1948- 1950- 1952-</p>
<p>Walter Brown Arlene Marchel</p>	<p>1931- 1941-</p>	<p>Debra Lynn Brown Lisa Gayle Brown</p>	<p>1962- 1965-</p>
<p>Helen Braun Tina J. Braun</p>	<p>1895-1905 1898-</p>		
<p>Helen Brown John Hildebrand</p>	<p>1922- 1921-</p>	<p>Diane Hildebrand Leona Hildebrand Peter Hildebrand Eleanor Hildebrand David Hildebrand Frank Hildebrand Alan Hildebrand Harvey Hildebrand Robert Hildebrand</p>	<p>1948- 1950- 1952- 1956- 1956- 1957- 1959- 1960- 1965-</p>
<p>Peter J. Brown Mary Doerksen</p>	<p>1901- 1902-</p>		
<p>Dorothy Brown Niel Penner</p>	<p>1922- 1925-</p>	<p>Sharon Penner Franklin Janzen Lorraine Penner Douglas Penner</p>	<p>1948- 1944- 1950- 1952-</p>
<p>Eileen Brown Donald Drinkwater</p>	<p>1927- 1927-</p>		
<p>Lavina Brown Menno Brown</p>	<p>1929- 1934-</p>		
<p>Lucy Brown John Neufeld</p>	<p>1936- 1935-</p>	<p>Rhonda Neufeld Darryl Neufeld Brian Neufeld</p>	<p>1962- 1963- 1967-</p>

Outram, Sask.,
June 16, 1972

Dear Cousin Peter,

Our youngest daughter Elaine was married June 10th. She wanted a large formal wedding so we were busy for some time. She married Garry Johnson of Estevan. His dad is a Swede and his mother's name was Griffiths. They were Salvation Army people for generations in England. The wedding was in the Lutheran Church.

I have a picture here that belonged to my mother. Will you, please, identify it for me. I think she said their name was Fast, but this could be incorrect.

Sincerely,
Mary Kiniak.

THE JOHANN BRAUN BIOGRAPHIES

Johann Braun, pioneer farmer mixed, 2½S, GC, councillor and reeve Stanley RM, Mayor of Winkler, Glencross school trustee, Ford
Anna Hoepfner, hsekpr, gardening, sewing, story teller, GC

Anna Brown, VI, hsekpr, Sommerfelder, hunting.
John Fehr, VI, farmer.

Lizzie Fehr, VII, hsekpr, b&w.
Peter Reimer, truck driver, fishing.

Norman Reimer, TV repairman.
Patricia Cameron, Nurses' aid in Home for Aged.

Carol Mary-Ann Reimer
Glen Welch, Portage Coke plant.

Mary Fehr, VIII, hsekpr, & clerk, Lutheran, knit, '71 Chrysler, color.
John Kiniak, XI, CU dr, 11; merchant, & postmaster; Lutheran, gardening, fishing, AW.

Lois Kiniak, XII, RN, hsekpr; Lutheran, Jay Cee, avid reader, gardening; AW, color, '69 Pontiac st wgn.
Ernest Brezinski, XII, mgr Firestone store; AW, '66 Pontiac, color.

Frances Kiniak, XII, 2 yr U, hsekpr, UC, Elks of Royal Purple, AW, color.
Lyle Bradshaw, XII, 2 yr U, mgr garage, UC, RD, Time, plane, '71 Mustang.

Gloria Kiniak, XII, 2 yr U, 1 yr Bible sch, Baptist, Lutheran.

Elaine Kiniak, XII, 1 yr legal secretary in Regina law firm.

Elizabeth Brown, III, hsekpr, GC, WrW, Lo Germ.

John Martens, VIII, farmer, mixed, 1/4S, sch trustee, RM Stanley councillor & reeve; GC, '71 Ford, Lo Germ, CG.

John Martens, VIII, Lbr yrd mgr, 25; GC, Eng, Rambler, b&w, Lo Germ.
Betty Peters, VI, hsekpr, GC, knit, sew, color.

Gladys Martens, XII, hsekpr, UC, Chat, knit, WrW, b&w, Eng.
Norman Philips, XII, factory assembly line storage batteries 7; Eng.

Joyce Martens, XII, hsekpr, UC, color, Eng.
Vernon Fosse, XII, mgr Saskatoon Safeways, '70, Ford 2-dr.

Elizabeth Martens, VIII, hsekpr, GC, flowers, sew, quilting, sewing, b&w, Lo Germ, Eng, WrW.
Frank Zacharias, VI, farmer, mixed, ½S, GC, '65 Meteor, Rideau.

Alvina Zacharias, IX, hsekpr, UC, sew, knit, b&w, Eng, SDr.
Abram Neufeld, VI, fireman, St. James, 10, UC, flowers on base, '65 Dodge, Eng.

Mary Anne Martens, VIII, hsekpr, GC, sew, knit rugs, Lo Germ, Eng, WrW.
Edward Schott, VI, farmer, 1S, mixed, GC, WP, Lo Germ, Eng, CG, b&w, FP.

Glen Ed Schott, XII, farming at home.

Mary Braun, V, hsekpr, GC, WrW, Lo Germ.

Jacob Epp, V, Farmer, 1/4S, mixed, sch sec, GC, maps, ch papers, '51 GM Truck, RD, Lo Germ.

Martha Epp, VII, hsekpr, SC, Lo Germ.
1. Jacob Wiebe, laborer, SC, Lo Germ.
2. Peter Wall

Lydia Epp, X, hsekpr, UC, sewing, I.O.O.F. AW, b&w, Eng, RD.
Ralph Cline XII, welder, factory 30, Niagara Falls, 2 acres apples, UC, build airplanes, licensed pilot; '64 Chevelle, st wgn.

Frank Epp, X, mechanic — hospital maintenance, GC, Lo Germ, Eng.
Eliz. Dueck, X, hsekpr, GC, WrW, Eng, Lo Germ.

Harry Epp, X, truck driver — Security storage, RC, Eng.
Diane McGraw, XI, hsekpr, telephone op, RC, WrW, Eng.

John Brown, farmer, mixed, 1/4S, GC.
Helen Doerksen, VI, hsekpr; PAOC, crochet, read, b&w, AW.

John Allen Brown, VII, mechanic, mgr ser st, IAOG, usher, hunting, '69 Ford.
Mary Neufeld, hsekpr, Aw.

Luella Jane Brown, X, hsekpr, IAOG, SS teacher, sew, AW.

Gordon Brown, XI, taxidermist, IAOG, hunting, '71 Fargo Truck.

Helen Marie Brown, XII, IAOG, Youth sec, reading.

Robert Brown, VII, logger, hunting, truck, b&w.

Ruth Brown, X, hsekpr, LPN, 25; '70 Datsun truck.
1. Bruce Fargey
2. Douglas Burton

Sharon Fargey, XII, steno 5; sewing, VW, b&w.
Nick Frazius

Wayne Fargey, XII, butcher, golf, skiing, Envoy.
Dennis Arthur, XII, electronics, hiking.

Walter Geo Brown, XI, telecommunications, hunting, '61 Pontiac, AW, b&w.
Arlene Marchel, XI.

Tina Brown, VII, Farmer, mixed, 1/4S, (ret.) EMMC, Lo Germ, Eng.

Helen Brown, VIII, hsekpr, EMMC, Eng, Lo Germ.
John Hildebrand, VIII, Farmer, mixed, 1/4S, EMMC, Eng., Lo Germ.

Diana Hildebrand, XI, Eng, Lo Germ.
Leona Hildebrand, XI, LPN, Eng, Lo Germ.
Peter John Hildebrand, XII, Eng, Lo Germ.

Peter J. Brown, VIII, Farmer, mixed, 3/4S, mechanic, woodwork, color, RD, Time, Life, CG, Plain Truth, '68 LTD.
Mary Doerksen, VIII, Homemaker, GC, WrW.

Dorothy Brown, VII, hsekpr, gather salt shakers, '70 Olds, b&w, SD, Eng.
Niel Penner, VII, Mail transport, train & race horses, Pentecostal, Eng.

Sharon Penner, XI, office work, Pentecostal, '68 Ford, b&w, WrW, Eng.
Franklin Janzen, XII, Constable, snowmobile fan, Eng.

Lorraine Penner, XI, steno (Churchill) Pentecostal, b&w
Douglas Penner, XI, Snomo dealer, (Morden) Wpg-St. Paul snomo race

Eileen Brown, XI
Donald Drinkwater, X, baker for Dominion, UC

Lavina Brown, XI, Steno, computer operator for Eaton's, Pentecostal, '59 Ford, Edsel
Menno Brown, XII, disabled, Time, Pop Mechanics, Menn. Mirror

Lucy Brown, IX, hsekpr Evan. Free Church, b&w, WrW, Eng.
John Neufeld, VII, transport driver, Evan. Free Church, Eng.



L-R: P. J. Brown, George Warkentin,
C. C. Warkentin, John Warkentine, John
Brown, J. B. Warkentin.



The Kiniak Wedding.

When youth has fled and we are well advanced in years, it is quite remarkable how children in a family differ in their joyful recollections of their childhood. For me, to this day, this brings back memories of three or four of my immediately older siblings and myself gathered around mother seated on a backless chair in the front room cranking her hand organ. Wooden cylinders provided the melodies of her favorite gospel hymns. Frequently she would join us as we children vocalized the words of the songs she loved. These hymns included Rock of Ages, Nearer My God to Thee, Where is My Wandering Child Tonight.

Yes, even today, thirty-six years after her passing, I see her, with tears in her eyes, joining in our simple, heart-felt singing of God's love of sinful men, His plan of salvation wrought by Jesus on the cross.

As a result of my mother's gift of story-telling, I early developed a strong desire to see for myself the lands where the past generations of Brauns and Hoepplers had trod the fertile steppes of the Czars. The havoc wrought by two world wars had really dimmed my prospects of realizing this boyhood longing.

However, the recent introduction of Group Tours by air in this modern spaceage quite unexpectedly made this dream a possibility and August 2, 1971, at 11:00 AM. was the hour of decision. Together with 42 fellow travellers, Air Canada and the Royal Dutch Airlines jetted us to Warsaw from Winnipeg in less time than it took Grandfather to cross the North Sea in 1875 when he brought his family to Canada.

In our group of 43 we were doctors and ministers, farmers and professors, teachers and nurses ranging in age from youngsters of 20 years to graybeards of 80. We came from B.C. to Ontario and from as far south as Old Mexico, and we were soon a happy congenial company.

After our baggage, visas and passports had been checked and re-checked, we finally found some rest and relaxation in previously designated hotels, and when we had been introduced to zloties and the heavy Slavic meals we knew only too well that we were behind the Iron Curtain.

1694 Bader Cresc., Stoon, Sask., 26, 6, 71.

Hello Again,

This is a windy day . . . good for letter writing . . . I am mostly babysitting for my daughter . . . she asks if we could buy a copy of the family register . . . I plan to visit Manitoba to see my Dad who was 90 in June. Hope to hear from you again.

Bye for now,
Betty Martens.



Standing, l to r: Jake Sawatzky, John Brown.
Seated: Peter Brown, Peter Friesen, Anthony Hoepner. — All dressed up!



John and Mary Kiniak and Gloria and Elaine, holidaying.

Despite some hesitancy on the part of some of us, the Polski Airline soon had us in Danzig on the Baltic where earlier generations of Mennonites attempted to wrest a living from the harsh Vistula Delta marshes as late as the 1780's. Digging canals or throwing up dikes with spade and shovel while standing waist-deep in water was costly in human lives. It is said that up to 80% of the male population succumbed to swamp fever during the Mennonites' stay in Prussia. Finally it was the burdensome taxes the Prussian kings imposed upon them that saw the Mennonites on the move again.

Our half-day flight from the Baltic Sea to southern Russia doubtless took those migrants the better part of the summer season for they travelled with all their inventory including horses, cattle, sheep, pigs, farm machinery, household effects and food for man and beast.

From our 3-day visit to the southern Ukraine, it was at once evident that our forefathers chose well in going to the fertile, gently rolling plains north of the Black Sea along the mighty Dnieper where the culture of vegetables, fruits, grains, grasses and livestock soon flourished.

We had our headquarters in Moscow at this stage of our tour. All things are on a large scale in the land of the Parooski. The 64-acre converted fortress that is now the Kremlin; the Moscow Hotel where they differ in the room-count between 5,000 and 6,000; the Red Square, the heart of Moscow, had so many visitors on the day of our tour they stretch back in a double line for a mile; their largest department store, GUM, has such poor customer service that you wait ten minutes to attract the attention of a clerk and again as long to pay for your purchases if you actually have the patience to wait them out.

Even now after fifty years of communist occupation, southern Russia, once the home of the Mennonites from Danzig, has notable industrial and agricultural attractions for the Canadian tourist. He saw the Hoepfner memorial at Chortitza; the 700-year-old oak tree at Zaporozhya with a circumference equal to the outstretched arms of six men and rising to a height of one hundred feet; and the General Electric generators in the mammoth hydro-electric generating station on the Dnieper.

The visit to a co-operative farm growing corn, sunflowers, castor beans and cereal grains told the story of farming under communism.

Our hosts here served their visitors elaborate meals of cabbage borscht, chicken and vereneke with bread and buns plus apple juice spiked with vodka or red wine. This 20,000-acre farm largely covers the Old Colony villages of Kronstal, Rosengart and Osterwick. Here we also saw the migratory stork but now provided with nesting platforms in tree-tops or on the ridge-poles of barns thus leaving the chimneys well ventilated.

Russian technology may have taken their scientists to the vicinity of the moon and back, but in our projected trip to Alma-Ata, by a turbo-prop plane, some of our tourists became weary, hungry and disappointed at the 3-4 hour bus-ride across the city to the airport and more so by the 5-hour air trip to cover the 2,000 miles with dinner served at 3:00 A.M. when dinner the previous day had been at noon and not a bite to eat since.

The numerous friends and relatives of many of our flight group, who had awaited our arrival all night, however, did much to dispel the gloom in our midst. When these people became aware of our arrival they spontaneously broke out with Nun Danket Alle Gott. What a moving experience that was for all on the tour.

From this city of 700,000, located north of India, we were within sight of the Himalaya mountains during the clear part of the day. This is now the home of many of our forcibly displaced Mennonites from the Ukraine area. Their watermelons were delicious and many friendships were renewed over outdoor fasha. Quite unexpectedly some of us were interviewed by press reporters. It would appear the purpose of these interviews was to discover our reactions to their living conditions. No one was trapped by this naive procedure. The Alma-Ata people appeared well fed and dressed. The stainless steel dentures of the interviewers were quite conspicuous. Old age pensions for men begin at 60 and for women at 55 years of age. The amounts of the pensions seem to vary greatly.

We said our final farewells here Sunday morning and were jetted back to Moscow in four hours which left us a few hours for shopping

and sight-seeing. An evening at the opera inside the Kremlin was our last contact with life behind the iron curtain.

After we arrived back at the bus that was to take us to our hotel, our tour leader was lectured by the bus driver for staying out so late. Several extra rubles salved his hurt feelings.

Monday morning came all too soon. We exchanged our last rubles into US dollars. My 10 ruble plaster gave me \$11.60 American. The same clerk gave my friend ten American for his 10 ruble bill.

By 10:30 A.M. we were homeward bound with brief stops at Copenhagen and Amsterdam. Cloud cover obscured both the British Isles and the Atlantic until we reached Greenland. Bright sunshine flooded us around from thence onward giving us a feeling of relief and joy to be approaching freedom's shores once more.

P. J. Brown,
605 Jubilee Ave.,
Winnipeg, Man.



John and Mary Kiniak. — Just married.



Jacob, Johann, Isaac and Gerhard Braun before 1919.



At the '71 Reunion, clockwise from lower left: George I. Brown, Peter Brown (Fort Garry), P. J. Brown, Mary J. Loewen, Peter Brown, E. B. Loewen, Unknown.



Luella Ruth at the extreme left, is the daughter of John J. and Helena Brown of Wetaskiwin.

On the beautiful island of Chortitza in the Dnieper River, in southern Russia, stands a lonely monument. A grey granite marble, seven feet high, with German and Russian inscriptions, showing bomb scars, marks the resting place of Jacob Hoepfner,¹ one of the two deputized leaders who brought the Mennonite people out of Danzig into Russia in 1788.

This migration started the formation of the Mennonite culture — a culture as real and as abstract as the Canadian identity.

Katherine the Great had invited the Mennonites to Russia as farmers, since this is what she needed at that time. The attempted colonization of Russia at that point in history may be compared with the settlement of the Canadian prairies in the 1870's. Both were bold efforts to induce people to come and farm an open treeless country.

The difficulty in the 1788 move was that the Mennonites were not farmers. For the most part they were laborers, small businessmen and trades people. Religious persecution was a recent thing in Europe and the concentration of people of like faith was more for political and religious reasons than for any common ethnic denomination.

Jacob Hoepfner and Johann Bartsch were deputized to go to Russia and investigate the invitation of the Russian monarch to move en masse to Russia. They went, liked what they saw, and returned full of enthusiasm for the move since the Russian government had offered the Mennonite people a package deal similar to the one Canada gave them a century later.

When the immigrants arrived in Russia after a difficult journey, they discovered that a war was being fought in the part of the country which had been promised Hoepfner and Bartsch. They were forced to settle in a less attractive area, close to the island of Chortitza.

Many people thought they had been tricked and much abuse was directed towards the two men. Bartsch was the more popular of the leaders, and was able to convince most of the Mennonites that he was as much of a victim of the circumstances as they, but Hoepfner apparently never won the confidence of his people.

He actually spent some time in a Russian jail, but the Russian courts later exonerated him of all charges. Hoepfner died in 1826 and was buried on the Island of Chortitza, as was also his wife. The monuments to him and Bartsch were placed by a later generation who had forgiven whatever sins their fathers had held against them.¹

The monument to Hoepfner, the marker for Mrs. Hoepfner and even the fence that surrounded the grave site, will be brought to Manitoba in 1972 and are to be erected on the Mennonite Museum grounds at Steinbach.

Susan Hiebert, A Culture: Real and Abstract; Winnipeg Free Press, Page 14, July, 1972.

NEIL PENNER
and
WARD-ABI
Purebred Arabian Gelding

WINNER OF FIRST CANADIAN ENDURANCE RACE

On July 1st, 1971, Neil Penner of Morden, Manitoba, and Ward-Abi (Babe) travelled seventy-one miles in exactly six hours, twenty-two minutes and nine-tenths of a second to win the 1971 Canadian Endurance Race, the first of its kind to be held in Canada. It was run at Carlyle, Saskatchewan, as part of that province's homecoming celebrations.

The champion from Manitoba took three hours and eleven minutes to reach mid-point in the cross-country course and exactly the same amount of time to return to the starting point. There were sixty-nine entries, and the riders ranged in age from eleven years to sixty-nine. About two-thirds of the competitors dropped out before completing the race.

There were two check points along the course at which time the horses were examined by veterinarians twice on the way out and twice on the way back. This gave the contestants two 10-minute stops in addition to the forty-minute lunch break. Rider and horse both had a drink of water but neither had any food during the race.

Muddy roads due to heavy rains on parts of the course increased the time lapse.

Aside from the \$400 prize money, Mr. Penner received several gifts from Carlyle business firms. The elapsed time of the second place winner, a woman, was six hours and thirty-five minutes.

Mr. Penner is very pleased that his name is the first to be inscribed on the national trophy, and is preparing for the 1972 competition.

The Manitoba Arabian Horse Association wishes to congratulate Neil and "Babe" on their fine achievement, and are pleased to have them at the Provincial Show as a special attraction.

Neil Penner placed tenth in the Winnipeg-St. Paul 4-day, 620-mile snowmobile race. His son Douglas had to retire from the stiff competition.

The race was run under extremely harsh conditions. Begun on Tuesday, January 25, at 5:30 a.m., in -42°F cold and a strong west wind, and readings of -32°, -41° and -17° on the other three days, the cold stopped many drivers and machines reducing the competition from 308 vehicles that were registered the first day to 152, 81 and finally 51 by the last day.



“We put on enough clothing to spend a week at the North Pole,” was Neil’s comment about the weather. Many drivers suffered frost-bites and quit for that reason.

Very strict control of drivers and machines was maintained during the four days’ run. The drivers were photographed, they were given numbered hospital-type wrist bands with special seals and their machines were checked at the end of each day’s race. Helicopter patrol was maintained throughout to assure adequate assistance to any stranded driver.

Neil and Douglas had a warm, well-heated mobile home courtesy of Triple E, Winkler, for night-time comfort. At the end of each day’s cruise they were given a bowl of hot nourishing soup before supper. Three pitmen, Franklin Janzen, Walter Scott and Ron Kroeker nightly serviced their snowmobiles until Doug’s machine blew a cylinder on the third day after 375 miles and thereby was forced out of the race.

Neil’s time was 15 hours, 53 minutes and 47 seconds. This gave him the second place trophy among the Canadian competitors and a cheque for the Tenth Spot in the over-all run.

Mr. Penner, who resides in Morden, operates a fleet of twenty-nine mail trucks. It is interesting to note that while he began this business with one vehicle a dozen years ago on the Morden-Winnipeg run, that the Canadian Post Office Department has encouraged him to bid for more and more mail routes. His fleet consists of large tandem trucks with two drivers on the Toronto-Winnipeg-Calgary run to half-tonners on short hauls. His present yearly cost of operations exceeds a million dollars and he has a staff of forty-five employees. With the recently introduced fast mail delivery system many of these runs are made overnight.

Mr. Penner has found it convenient to continue to live in Morden. He and Mrs. Penner, the former Dorothy Brown, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Brown of Jubilee Avenue, are the parents of three children: Sharon (married to Franklin Janzen), Lorraine and Douglas.



Clockwise from top left: A gathering of Warkentins, Wiebes, Hoepners and Brauns; The Glencross EMMC in the woods; Mr. J. R. Wolkof, popular Glencross school teacher; also from l-r: Johann Braun, Jacob Braun, J. J. Loewen, Unknown, Jacob Warkentin, Isaac Braun, Isaac Wiens, Gerhard Braun, John Giesbrecht.

HORSE LOVERS ALL

ON PARADE



P. G. Brown in Burwalde.

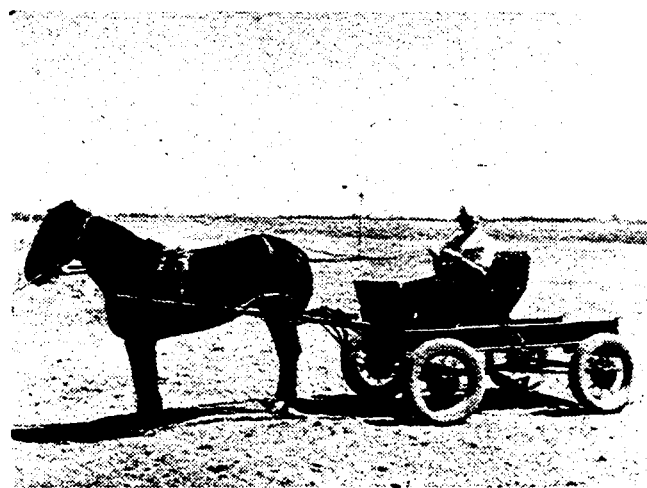


J. W. Braun in Calgary.

TRAVELLERS



G. I. Brown



P. J. Brown in Mexico.

COLD WEATHER SELF-STARTERS



Mr. and Mrs. Gerhard Braun.



J. J. Warkentin

**CHAPTER VIII
THE ISAAC BRAUN FAMILY**



Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Braun with the eldest four: Jacob, Isaac, William, George.

No. 63

Wann die Person aus dem Kirchb. entlassen	Geboren im	Getauflt im	Verstorben im	Verheiratet mit
Tag der Taufe	Tag, Monat, Jahr	Tag, Monat, Jahr	Tag, Monat, Jahr	
Micholm Dyck	1821 Okt 16	1829		
Copulirt 1841 Apr 15 mit				
Aganetha Dyck	1821 Febr 9	1839	1846 Febr 9	
<small>Kind. Tauf. Gf.</small> Maria Dyck	1842 Febr 17	1860		mit Peter Stein
Katharina	1843 Okt 17	1862		mit Jakob Schade in Kirchl. Land 1796 b. b. 17
Aganetha	1846 Nov 22		1846 Febr 22	
Copulirt 1847 Mai 2 mit				
Elisabeth Friese	1827 Febr 9	1846		
<small>Kind. Tauf. Gf.</small> Wilhelm Dyck	1848 Febr 24		1848 April 13	
Elisabeth	1853 Febr 17	1871		mit Johann Kaste
Aganetha	1854 Febr 16		1855 Febr 1	
Wilhelm	1857 Febr 27	1875	1857 Febr 12	
Wilhelm	1857 Febr 22	1875		mit Anna Kaste
Aganetha	1861 Jan 15		1862 April 25	
Anna	1863 März 20	1881		mit Jakob Dyck
Melina	1866 Jan 17	1882		mit Peter Friese
Aganetha	1868 Jan 17	1887		mit Isaac Braun
Margaretha	1871 März 25	1890		mit Johann Kaste
	1845 B-27			
	1821 40 16			
	73 0 17			

Given at the top of the page is the church registry number, (63); followed by the names of the persons, the place of birth as well as the wedding day, the day, month and year of birth, baptism and of death, followed by "wedded pairs" — married to. The original sheet is well thumbed and worn. It is from the Osterwick Old Colony Church register.

THE ISAAK BRAUN AND AGANETHA DYCK FAMILY REGISTER

3rd gen.	Born-Died		5th gen.	Born-Died		6th gen.	Born-Died
Jacob Brauwn	1887-1970		Rev. Isaac Brown	1943-			
Mary Unrau	1892-1961		Dorothy Koop	1942-			
4th gen. Born-Died 5th gen. Born-Died							
Isaac Braun	1912-1944	}	Irene Neufeld	1942-	{	David Bronk	1964-
Tina Hoepfner	1911-			Gerard Bronk		1944-	Gerard Bronk	1969-
			Thelma Neufeld	1945-		Beverley Bronk	1970-
Mary Brown	1916-	}	Hilda Neufeld	1948-			
David Neufeld	1915-		Ruth Neufeld	1949-			
			David Neufeld	1952-			
			Joyce Neufeld	1956-			
Jacob Brown	1918-	}	Harold Brown	1943-	{	Gary Brown	1967-
Katherine Dyck	1923-		Angela Lubevitch	1943-		Charlotte Brown	1969-
			Dorothy Brown	1945-			
			John Klassen	1945-			
			Harvey Brown	1947-			
			Marvin Brown	1950-			
			George Brown	1952-			
			Marie Brown	1959-			
			John Brown	1962-			
		Muriel Brown	1965-				
Abram Brown	1920-	}	Beverley Brown	1946-	{	Dean Kanstra	1966-
Gertrude Kehler	1923-		David Kanstra	1946-		Daniel Kanstra	1970-
			Linda Brown	1947-			
			Richard Brown	1954-			
			Douglas Brown	1955-			
		Raymond Brown	1957-				
Tina Brown	1922-1922						
Aganetha Brown	1914-1916						
Frank Brown	1923-	{	Helen Brown	1965-			
Sara Hiebert	1924-						
Peter Brown	1925-	}	Sharon Brown	1947-			
Margaret Giesbrecht	1926-		Vernon Brown	1949-			
			Diann Brown	1952-			
			Richard Brown ad	1965-			
George Brown	1927-1941						
John Brown	1933-	}	Robert Brown	1956-			
Annie Giesbrecht	1932-		Colleen Brown	1957-			
			Mark Brown	1960-			
			Douglas Brown	1962-			
			Darlene Brown	1970-			
William Brown	1931-	}	Gladys Brown	1960-			
Susan Kehler	1933-		Lyndon Brown	1964-			
Helen Brown	1929-	}	Terence Unrau	1954-			
Wesley Unrau	1929-		Louise Unrau	1955-			
			Wilfred Unrau	1962-			
Norman Brown	1935-	}	Heather Brown	1966-			
Dorothy Friesen	1937-		Colin Brown	1968-			
			Bruce Brown	1970-			
Gordon Brown	1935-	}	Gerald Brown	1959-			
Mary Thiessen	1935-		Marilyn Brown	1961-			
			Gloria Brown	1963-			
			Eunice Brown	1966-			

THE ISAAC BRAUNS

My father, (Isaac Braun), was born January 28, 1866, at Alexanderthal, Russia. Evidently, he was almost 8 years old when he received the booklet containing the three Christmas poems and "Wünsche." It is dated December 24, 1873, on the first page and on the last page there is a New Year's wish for January, 1874.

It is typical of the booklets that were prepared by the teachers in the Mennonite private schools even in Canada. Those pamphlets contained suitable Christmas and New Year's poems that were memorized by the pupil, and after memorizing the poetry, the pupil would recite it at a program in the classroom and at home to the parents.

This is the inscription on the front cover.

Kindliche
Wünsche
Den Eltern dargebracht
von dem Schüler
ISAAK BRAUN
Alexanderthal am 24. Dezember 1873

The Christmas poem my father was asked to memorize at eight years.

ZUM HEILIGEN WEIH

So klein ich bin so weiss ich doch
Mein Wunsch wird euch gefallen.
Ihr liebt mich ja so herzlich noch
Und hört gern mein Lallen.
Das liebe Jesu Kindelein
Schenk Euch viel Heil und Segen.
Es wolle mit und bei euch sein
Auf allen Euren Wegen.
Ich will euch recht gehorsam sein
Euch stets zur Freude leben
Das Jesukind im Krippelein
Wird dazu Kraft mir geben.
Amen.

3rd gen.	Born-Died				
Isaak Braun	1890-1892				
Elizabeth Braun	1891-1892				
Isaac Brown	1893-1963				
Tina Wiens	1896-				
4th gen.	Born-Died	5th gen.	Born-Died	6th gen.	
Isaac Brown	1917-	Renae Brown	1942-	Marcia Noseworthy	196-
Aganetha Friesen		Reginald Noseworthy	1946-		
		Lorie Brown	1957-		
Jacob Brown	1919-	Ronald Brown	1942-		
Lucy Hemming	1920-	Luba Fatorshyn	1947-		
		Lorraine Brown	1946-	Tammara Donald	197-
		Douglas Donald			
		Marilyn Brown	1952-		
		Jacqueline Brown	1953-		
		William Brown	1957-		
John Brown	1922-				
Lillian Taylor	1924-				
Robert Brown S	1929-				
Dorothy Brown	1932-	Darcy Johnson	1956-		
Baldur Johnson	1931-	Lindsay Johnson	1959-		
		Marlene Johnson	1962-		
William Brown	1895-1967				
Helen Epp	1900-				
Menno Brown	1922-	Helena Brown	1951-		
Theresa Hamilton	1926-	Lawrence Brown	1953-		
		Menno Brown	1959-		
		Murray Brown	1962-		
		Bernice Brown	1963-		
Dorothy Brown	1926-	Thomas Belling	1959-		
1. Ernest Belling div.		Lynn Belling	1962-		
2. Arthur Stuart					
Bernice Brown	1928-	Wm. Peterson	1950-		
Garnet Peterson	1925-	Shelley Peterson	1952-		
		Bonnie Peterson	1954-		
		Bernice Peterson	1956-		
		James Peterson	1962-		
		David Peterson	1965-		
		Beth Peterson	1967-		
Melvin Brown	1934-	Ken Brown	1959-		
Jean Volwes		Gary Brown	1967-		
George Brown	1897-				
1. Helen Heide	1899-1947				
2. Helen (Giesbrecht) Wiebe	1904-				
George Brown	1924-1925				
John Brown	1925-	Lorrayne Brown	1948-		
Jean Baker	1927-	Harold Brown	1948-		
Florence Brown	1927-	Helen Brown	1949-		
John K. Braun	1927-	Ruth Brown	1954-		
		Lorna Brown	1959-		
Doris Brown	1927-	Susan Sawatzky	1957-		
Tony Sawatzky	1923-	Helen Sawatzky	1960-		
		David Sawatzky	1961-		

Another poem for an eight-year-old to memorize.

ZUM HEILIGEN WEIHNACHTS

Welch Licht glänzt über Bethlehem's Höhen,
Welch heller Schein erhellt die Nacht,
Welch grosse That ist dort geschehen.
Was hat der Engel kund gemacht,
Weshalb jauchzt jener geister Menge?
Gott in der Höh sei Preis und Ehr
Und schau mit fröhlichem Gedränge
Auf diese Welt voll Sünder her.

O beuge dich mein Herz zur Erde
O bete deinen Heiland an
Er kleidet sich in Knechts Gebärde
Da mit er dich erlösen kann.
Jetzt liegt er arm in Bethlehem's Stalle
Bald duldet er des Todes Schmerz
Auf das er die Verlorne Alle
Mög ziehen an Sein treues Herz

Hier ist mein Herz.
Hier ist mein Herz
Du sollst es haben
Mein mir gebornes Jesus Kind.
Doch ach wie kann dies Herz dich laben
Das durch und durch du hast, o sei dafür gepriesen.
Unzählich mal geklopft an
Ich habe dir nicht auf gethan.

Doch heute geb an deiner Krippe
Ich dir mein Herz auf ewig hin,
Es zeigs der Wandel, zeugs der Lippe
Das ich dein Kind Herr Jesu bin.
Heut mögen sich die Engel freuen.
Das du auch mir geboren bist
Und deinen Namen benedeien der mir der
süsste Name ist.

We also have a "Rechtschreibe Heft" that my father used in Osterwick, Manitoba. It dates back to February 19, 1877. It contains chiefly Bible verses, which in some cases the teacher copied at the top of the page which the pupil then had to copy in order to learn to write.

We lived on a farm two and a half miles from the Rosenbach school and about the same distance from a Mennonite private school. The private school was 2½ miles S.E. whereas the Rosenbach school was N.W. from our home. Since our parents at that time belonged to the Old Colony Church, it was expected that we would go to the private

4th gen.	Born-Died	5th gen.	Born-Died	
James Brown Doreen Brown	1931- 1938-	{ Judith Brown Linda Brown	1960- 1965-	
George Brown Bernice Hamm	1936- 1937-	{ Helen Brown Gerald Brown	1960- 1969-	
William Brown Cora Miller	1938- 1936-	{ Douglas Brown Kevin Brown Bradley Brown	1960-1966 1962-	
3rd gen. John Brown Mary Dyck	Born-Died 1898- 1899-			
Howard Brown Gertrude Lundquist	1917- 1923-	{ Howard Brown Lillian Cardinal	1942- 1946-	{ 6th gen. Kevin John Brown 1968-
Lorraine Brown Montgomery Becker	1921- 1922-	{ Christine Becker Fred Hays	1946- 1946-	{ Ronald Hays 1965- Marie Hays 1969- Dwayne Hays 1971-
Donald Brown Helen Bobblin	1923- 1931-	{ Wanda Brown Dawna Brown	1959- 1964-	
Douglas Brown Gertrude Smaltz	1926- 1926-	{ Douglas Brown Karen Brown Deborah Brown Robert Brown Sherri Brown	1949- 1950- 1956- 1959- 1963-	
Murdock Brown	1931-1950			
Reginald Browne Diana Solduik	1904- 1910-			
Diana Browne Walter Goetz	1939- 1936-			
Warren Browne Ross Browne Helen Wiebe	1946- 1948- 1953-	{ Ross Browne	1972-	
Frank Brown Agatha Dyck	1906- 1904-			
Helen Rose David A. Janzen	1938- 1932-	{ Francis Janzen Patricia Janzen	1958- 1960-	
Dorothy Brown William E. Enns	1945- 1940-	{ Wendy Enns Bonnie Enns Tammy Enns Clinton Enns	1961- 1963- 1965- 1970-	
Mary Brown George E. Wiebe	1908- 1904-			
Marion Wiebe Peter Harder	1929- 1923-	{ Vivian Harder Leslie Harder Kevin Harder	1954- 1958- 1964-	
George Wiebe Irene Wiebe	1932-1932 1933-			
Howard Wiebe Audrey Rudd	1939-	{ Kenneth Wiebe Joyce Wiebe Michael Wiebe Robert Wiebe James Wiebe Audrey Wiebe	1955- 1957- 1958- 1961- 1963- 1966-	
Kenneth Wiebe Margaret Penner	1946- 1943-	{ Murray Wiebe Clifford Wiebe	1965- 1969-	

ISAAC BRAUN — Continued

school. Since we had land in the Rosenbach S.D., there was sometimes trouble if we did not attend the public school. If we attended the private school during the winter — and, by the way, its term was ended at Easter — then we were sent to Rosenbach during the remaining months of the school year. However, it also happened that we attended the Rosenbach school in fall or in winter. When this news got around to some of the neighbors, it did not take very long and the men with the flat caps and high boots (all in black) visited our parents, and when we saw that visitation, we children would say one to another, “Tomorrow we will have to go to the private school,” and that was usually right.

A few things about my father, Isaac Braun. He was a farmer. At his death he owned four quarter sections of land. He was always interested in livestock. We usually had about 100 sheep, about 40 head of cattle and about 30 horses. My father particularly liked good horses. We had some fine Clyde, as well as others, for which he had paid some fancy prices. When these heavy animals were hitched to the binder in autumn and fall, it happened on a number of occasions that when they were tired by evening, unhitched and put into the barn, they refused to feed; they were then taken out into the cool evening air, by morning they were dead.

I also recall that on some occasions when my older brothers wanted to hitch old Dobbin to the sleigh or to the buggy to go to town or to the neighbors, there was trouble with Dad.

We also had several pacers and other light horses which were used for longer trips or for going to town (six miles away). Sometimes I had to help Dad repair the harness during the months of spring. Since I was only 10-12 years old, my work consisted of holding some strap, or other comparable task. At sheep shearing time, I had to hold the sheep's legs so they would neither run away nor disturb Dad while shearing them. He would often cut the skin of a sheep while shearing. It used to hurt me merely to see it. He hurried too much.

Dad died August 21, 1919, and he was buried on the Peter Hoepfner farmyard (they had a fine garden with other graves and fine trees). However, because of the heat in August, we had to take Dad to the grave before the funeral. We kept the body at home for a day or so after he died lying on sand which I think had been sprinkled with water to cool it. On the day of the funeral, the congregation in procession moved to the grave without the coffin which was already in the grave covered by some planks and lumber. (Today, this farmyard belongs to the Peter Driedger family.) The coffin was opened and there was a short graveside service.

As mother could not go to the graveside with a car, she was invited

by my uncle and aunt, the John Neistaeters of Chortitz, to go with them on a democrat. The Neistaeters always had fine fidgety steeds. As much of the funeral procession was already made up of automobiles, the Neistaeter team got frightened and bolted. Since there was a fence along the road and there was no ditch between the road and the fence, the horses did not run away and uncle John Neistaeter was able to hold them. However, mother fell off the democrat and tore some of her clothing; but after a short stop they continued on their way to the graveside.

On October 15 and 16, 1971, the remains and the tombstone were moved to the Winkler Cemetery beside mother's grave. Wiebe Funeral Homes Ltd., did the moving.

My parents belonged to the Old Colony Church. Later, after father's death, mother joined the Winkler Bergthaler Church. So our first cars were always the property of my older brothers, i.e., when the bishops visited our house, after having received reports that we owned a car. On a trip to Glencross, father went through a wooden gate with the Model T.

THE ISAAC BRAUN BIOGRAPHIES

Isaac Braun, pioneer farmer, mixed, 5/4S; horses, blacksmithing; O.C.C.
Aganetha Dyck, hsewfe; flowers, gardening; GC.

Jacob Braun, Farmer, Sch trustee, EMMC
Mary Unrau, Hsekpr, EMMC

Isaac Braun, Rev, Bible Sch Grad, EMMC, '70 Toyota
Tina Hoepfner, Hsekpr, EMMC

Isaac Braun, Rev, Missionary in Trinidad, EMMC '70 Toyota
Dorothy Koop, Hsekpr

Mary Brown, Hsekpr, day worker, EMMC '69 Pontiac
David Neufeld, Eaton Staff, b&w, WrW

Irene Neufeld, Hsekpr
Gerald Bronk, Decorator

Thelma Neufeld, Secretary, Atomic Energy, EMMC, '58 Dodge
Hild Neufeld, Offic Sec, EMMC
Ruth Neufeld, Hair stylist
James Neufeld, RRC student
Joyce Neufeld, Student

Jacob Braun, X, Farming, mixed, 29, SDr; sch trustee, Ch of sch bd for retardates; GC, care of
foster ch'n 9; ch'n, 9; 4 ch'n now; have bikes & ponies for ch'n. workshop, all sports. '70
Chev truck, '68 Chev car, b&w, Lo Germ, SDr.

Katherine Dyck, VIII, hsekpr, teach retardates; sec Mission Aid, GC, WrW, SDr.

Harold Brown, Railroad signals op, RC, '71 Plymouth, E.NG. 3 Lubevitch, Hsekpr, RC, AW, b&w, Eng.
Angela Lubevitch, Hsekpr, RC, AW, b&w, Eng.

Dorothy Brown, LPN, XII, Hsekpr, GC sew, knit, read, organist, AW, b&w, Lo Germ
John Klassen, Construction foreman, GC sports, RD, Homemaker, Chat, Lo Germ.

Harvey Brown, VII, Railroad signals, GC stock car racing, '70 Chev, b&w, Eng.

Norman Brown, Factory

Kenneth Brown, VII, Farmer, grain 3S, Stock car racing, '70 Plymouth Lo Germ, Eng.

Karen Walker, XII, Sec, Hsekpr, Eng.

Abram Brown, Salesman, cars, EMMC
Gertrude Kehler, Nurse's Aid, EMMC

Beverley Brown, Hsekpr
David Hanstra, Salesman

Linda Brown, Secretary
James France, TV Announcer

Frank Brown, Farmer, EMMC, '65 Pontiac
Sadie Hiebert, Hsekpr, EMMC, b&w

Peter Brown, Dr Silverline Mfg. Co., Training Eng, Scot, Germany; Certified work study
analyst, GC, SS Supt., '67 Olds Delta

Margaret Giesbrecht Hsekpr, GC, 2-b&w

Sharon Brown, Bank Asst. Acct., '70 MGB
Vernon Brown, Operating Engineer, Pt owner Super Crane & Rigging, '72 Toyota, b&w
Diane Brown, Bank Proof Teller, GC, '70 Maverick

John Brown, Canada Packers Meats, GC, '71 Meteor
Annie Giesbrecht, LPN, GC, b&w

William Brown, Pres & Gen Mgr Burnell Motors, Pres Wpg Motor Dealers Assoc., EMMC, '71

Austin, '71 Rover, 1 color

Susan Kehler, Hsekpr, EMMC, 1 b&w

Helen Brown, Hsekpr, GC, '63 Thunderbird
Wesley Unrau, Mechanic, GC, b&w

Norman Brown, XII, BA, sch teacher, EMMC, '66 Chev
Dorothy Friesen, XII, teacher, Hsekpr, EMMC '63 Chev, color

Rev Gordon Brown, XII, SBS Grad, EMMC '68 Dodge
Mary Thiessen, Hsekpr

Isaac Brown, VI, Truck terminal, started truck-freighting; GC, '56 Dodge.
Tina Wiens, VIII, hsekpr, pastry baker, GC, b&w, WrW.

Isaac Brown, XI, pool freighting, GC, '68 Plymouth, b&w.
Aganetha Friesen, X, clothing clerk, GC.

Rena Brown, X, hsekpr, office machine op, UC, color.
Reginald Noseworthy, XII, programmer computer, UC, skiing, '71 Capri.

Lorraine Brown, XII, bank accountant, '56 Monarch.
Douglas Donald, XII, machinist, hunting, fishing, b&w.

Marilyn Brown, XII, U student — Pharmacy, UC, '65 Envoy.

Jacob Brown, XI, Truck Terminal, books, UC, Stewards & Sessions, '64 Acadian.
Lucy Hemminger, IX, hsekpr, UC, color.

John Brown, X, CNR checker, UC, curling, '67 Pontiac, VW.
Lillian Taylor, IX, hsekpr, restaurant, UC, color.

Robert Brown, Kinsmen.

Dorothy Brown, XI, Key punch op, UC, bowl & curl, '69 Chrysler.
Baldur Johnson, Dept store accountant, UC, golfing, b&w.

Ronald Brown, XII, BA, MA, PhD; Civil Ser, Physics; UC.
Luba Falorshyn, XII, BSc (HEc), teaching, RC.

Jacqueline Brown, XII, UC.

John Brown, grain buyer, 31; 4 yr mayor Leduc; WrW, '68 Rambler, color.
Mary Dyck, hsekpr, UC.

Howard J. Brown, foreman Crosstown Motors, Edmonton, UC, '70 Chev. b&w.
Gertrude Lundquist, hsekpr, UC, WrW.

J. Howard Brown, Dept of Mines, UC, WrW, b&w.
Lillian Cardinal, UC.

Lorraine Brown, Powell River, BC, Lutheran, '71 Dodge, color.
Montgomery Becker, Lutheran, WrW.

Christine Brown, Hsekpr.
Fred Hays, pub sales and service, '65 Chev.

Donald J. Brown, Dew Line Com.; '68 Pontiac, color.
Helen Bobblin, hsekpr, UC.

Douglas Hugh Brown, Field supervisor, Bow River Pipe Line, '72 Mercury, color.
Gertrude Smaltz, Hsekpr. RC, WrW..

Douglas Brown, 4 yrs U, Calgary, RC, '69 Ford, b&w.
Karen Marie Brown, hsekpr, secretary, '71 Pinto, b&w.

P. Reginald Brown, baker, '70 Ford camper.
Diana Soldiuk, hsekpr.

Diana Browne, actress.
Walter Goltz

Warren Browne, XII, hockey

Ross Browne, XII, hockey
Helen Wiebe, housewife

William Brown, III, garage mechanic, Pontiac, Eng. color.
Helena Epp, VIII, hsekpr, Harlequin bks; UC, Rebekah Lodge, Eng.

Menno Brown, X, Sgt. RCME work shop, hunting, sports, Pontiac, Eng.
Theresa Hamilton, hsekpr, Harlequin bks, RC, b&w, Eng.

Helena Brown, XII, hsekpr.
Gerry O'Neil, grain buyer, Datsun, Eng.

Dorothy Brown, hsekpr, Eng, Cadillac, color.
Arthur Stuart, HBC oil fields.

Bernice Brown, X, hsekpr, Eng, Chev, color.
Garnet Peterson, civil service: Industrial rel'ns, Eng.

Dianne Ambry, HBC oils.
William Peterson, sch teacher, Mercedes, Eng.

Shelley Diane Peterson, XII, RN.

Melvin Brown, Cpl in Airforce, technician, UC, b&w, Eng.
Jean Voves, hsekpr, Anglican, b&w, Eng.

George Brown, RR mail delivery, farming, Winkler MB, Hawaii, '69 Olds, color, WrW. Lo
Germ/Eng.

1. Helen Heide, hsekpr, MB, Nat'l Geog'c.
2. Helen Wiebe, hsekpr, MB, Hawaii, Lo Germ/Eng, MB, Herald. RD.

John Edwin Brown, X, Can. Armed Forces, UC, Eng.
Royce Jean Baker, X, hsekpr, store clerk, UC, AW, Eng.

Tanis Lorryne Brown, hsekpr, Baptist, Eng.
Sydney Wiesman, Eng.

Harold Brown, Can. Navy, Baptist, '70 Chev, Eng.

Florence Brown, XIII, hsekpr, Baptist, WrW, Eng.
John K. Brown, XII, BA, Sch teacher, Baptist, '70, b&w, Eng.

Judy Helen Brown, account't.
Janice Ruth Brown, XI.

Doris Brown, XII, hsekpr, GC, Schoenwieser, AW, Eng, b&w.
Tony Sawatzky, PhD, physicist in Pinawa, bldg glider planes, '68 Chev St. wgn; Glider plane.

James Brown, X, Pressman-Hignell Ptg., UC, golf, WrW, Eng.
Doreen Morris, XII, RN, hsekpr, UC, sports, '68 Pontiac, color.

George Brown, XII, BA, teacher, Golf, '70 Pontiac, color, Eng.
Bernice Hamm, XII, teacher, AW, Eng.

Wm. Doug Brown, XI, salesman, Baptist, AW, Eng.
Cora Mueller, XII, hsekpr, Baptist, b&w.

Frank Brown — taught at Winkler 40 years, four of which as vice-principal — recognition night Sponsored by Garden Valley and Winkler S.D. on Sept. 20, 1971 — degrees: B.A., B.Ed., Collegiate and Principals' Teaching Certificates — secretary of Winkler Teachers' Local (about 5 years) — M.E.A. (Two years) — Manitoba Teacher Society Committee Code of Professional Practice, and on Pensions Committee — served on Rhineland Stanley Teachers' Association and Convention as committee member, vice-president, and as president. — Truancy officer for about 15 years — member of Winkler M.B. Church — church statistician — leader of church Young People (5 years) — active in Sunday School as teacher and superintendent (40 yrs.) — Provincial Sunday School Committee (6 years) — secretary and treasurer of church (4 years) — completed 6 correspondence courses with Moody Bible Institute, Chicago — completed the preliminary course with the Evangelical Teacher Training Association, Wheaton, Illinois — Margaret McWilliams Medal from Manitoba Historical Society, 1956 — Canadian Centennial Medal, 1967 — sports in younger days, baseball, hockey, soccer on Arts team of U. of M. — today, tennis and golfing — 1969 Chev Impala — reads "Time" and also "Tennis" magazines — baptized by Rev. H. S. Voth.

Agathe (Dyck) Brown — member of Winkler M.B. Church since June 16, 1918 — sang in the church choir for 16 years — taught Sunday School — has grade XI standing and taught public school on a permit for two years, at Crystal City, Blumenfeld, and Meath — at Blumenfeld one of her pupils was Henry Hildebrand who later became the president of (Briercrest) and now Caronport Bible Institute near Regina, Sask. Rev. Henry Hildebrand — married July 15, 1934, by Rev. H. S. Voth at Winkler — black and white T.V. — reads, M.B. Herald, The Overcomer die Rundschau, Reader's Digest, the Upper Room, Chatelaine, the Winkler Progress, Red River Valley Echo, Christian Life — member of Ladies' Sewing Circle as well as committee member of circle — has had five serious operations — a meticulous housekeeper — attended Winkler Bible Institute — her father, Peter Dyck; mother Anna Peters — grew up at Blumenstein, later moving to Winkler — lost her mother at age 3 — her stepmother was Helena (Wiens) Kroeker — there were 13 Dyck siblings but 3 died in infancy and Peter, Frank, Lena died as young adults although they were all married before they died — Agathe still has three brothers and three sisters living today — the brothers are all three retired farmers — the sisters all had businessmen as husbands — Agathe was baptized by Rev. John Warkentin.

- Helen Rose (Brown) Janzen has grade XII — lives at 46 Balsam Crescent, Brandon — member of the First Baptist Church, Brandon — is employed by Gaiser Builders Ltd., Brandon, as secretary — two children in school — she taught Sunday School and was the church pianist for a number of years — likes reading, Reader's Digest, Macleans — in recent years they have attended a number of Imperial Life Assurance Co. Conventions at Colorado Springs, Michigan, etc. — she drives a small car — B&W TV — active in Ladies' groups at church.
- David A. Janzen — member of First Baptist Church — taught Sunday School — agent for The Imperial Life Assurance Co. of Canada, at Brandon — won several trips through his life insurance sales — is a licensed pilot and for a while owned a light airplane — drives an Oldsmobile — enjoys fishing and golf — his parents are John H. and Sarah Janzen, Winkler — grew up on the farm at Burwalde — active member of the Brandon Underwriters Association — has been training new life insurance agents — has been with Imperial Life for 10 years — before that he was a buyer for Patterson Grain Co.
- Dorothy Ann Enns — grade IX with partial standing in XI and XII — she says her hobby is house-keeping and she loves it — she also likes reading — Reader's Digest — Chatelaine — she is a meticulous housekeeper — enjoys coffee breaks with the neighbouring ladies — B&W TV — drives a baby carriage every other year — at times she helps her husband with the secretarial work in the office — attends the Evangelical Mission Church at Morris.
- William E. Enns — son of Peter K. (deceased) and Susan Enns, Friedensruh — grade VIII with partial standing in grade X and XI — he was employed by National Grain Feed Mill at Morris until this summer — he now operates his own business as Morris Farm Supply feed service — and he also is the manager of the Morris Hatchery — drives a Chevy Biscayne — grew up on his father's farm at Friedensruh — his mother lost her parents early in life and was brought up by the Kauenhofens in Friedensruh (Mr. Kauenhofen used to be chairman of the Friedensruh trustees).
- Mary (Brown) Mrs. G. E. Wiebe) — farming at Kronsgart until two years ago, however, they still own the farm; son Kenneth is operating the farm now with George E. Wiebe assisting part time — at present, Mary is employed by Winkler Apparel Ltd. — member of the Kronsgart M.B. Church — active in Church Ladies' Sewing Circle — reads M.B. Herald — she had grade VII — likes sewing and knitting — reads Macleans magazine — Weekly Free Press — Country Guide — married by Rev. H. S. Voth — B&W TV.
- George E. Wiebe — farming, now living at 285-13th Street, Winkler — served as trustee for Rosewell S.D. — black & white T.V., farming since marriage — grew up on the farm at Kronsgart — attended M.E.I. at Altona — drives a Plymouth — they holidayed in Vancouver with son and daughter-in-law, Howard and Audrey — married at Kronsgart by Rev. H. S. Voth — father, Jacob G. Wiebe; mother, Sarah Dyck — his father arrived in Manitoba April, 1888 — his father was the son of Rev. Gerhard Wiebe, who was the leader of the Winkler M.B. Church 1888 to 1895 — however, at that time it was the Burwalde Church, as the church was located at Burwalde — George had an ulcer operation in Winkler Bethel Hospital, Nov. 12, 1971.
- Marion (Wiebe-Brown) (Mrs. P. Harder) — Kane, Manitoba — standing, grade XII and teachers' certificate — she used to teach elementary school, and now that the children are in school she is teaching part time — active S.S. teacher at the Kronsgart M.B. Church where she is a member — B&W TV.
- Peter Harder — grade XII standing — grew up in Winkler — parents, Mr. and Mrs. Peter K. Harder, 173-10th Street, Winkler, — trustee at Kane — operates a garage at Kane — sells John Deere farm machinery — drives a Pontiac.
- Irene (Wiebe-Brown) — has been teaching for the Dominion Government in northern Canada — taught at Inuvik, Frobisher Bay, McPherson — grade XII and teaching certificate — also taught two years in Germany — 19 years teaching experience — interested in Indian and Eskimo artifacts and carvings — has a large selection of slides that she has taken in the north country and while travelling in Europe.
- Howard Wiebe — has a B.A. — will graduate with M.Ed. this spring — lives at Port Coquitlam, B.C. and teaches in a high school there — attends United Church — owns a cottage on an island — drives a Plymouth — B&W TV — electric dish washer.
- Mrs. Audrey Wiebe — wife to Howard — likes sewing — hairdresser.
- Kenneth Wiebe — grade XII standing — farming on his dad's farm — some sheep farming — he is now building a house in Winkler — drives a Pontiac — B&W TV.
- Margaret (Reimer) Wiebe — is a practical nurse at Winkler Bethel Hospital — likes sewing — has a flair for decorating — she has grade XII standing.



Mr. and Mrs. Frank Brown with Helen and Dorothy.



Mr. and Mrs. Brown with their children and grandchildren.

Time, you old gipsy man, will you not stay?
Put up your caravan just for one day?

— Ralph Hodgson.

A great thing is a great book; but a greater thing than all is the talk
of a great man. — Disraeli.



The 1933 Winkler Grade XII graduating class. Back row, l-r: G. D. Pries, John Giesbrecht, Jacob Wedel, John W. Enns, Bill Riediger; Middle row: W. B. Brown, Cornelius Klassen, Elma Brown, John Epp, Anne Enns, John Wiens, Peter Bueckert; Seated: Anne Adams, I. J. Dyck, Mr. J. R. Wolkof, Frank Brown, Nettie Siemens.

Isaac Braun — continued

Since the area north of us was settled by English people — Roland, Myrtle, Dad felt he should know a little more English. Hence when he was about 45 years of age, my brother John taught him using the Grade II reader. Most of his English was picked up by speaking to the businessmen in this area. However, on one occasion I recall that my brother Peter and I went along with Dad to a farmer at Myrtle who had some Poland China hogs in which Dad was interested. When we left the farmer, Dad said, “Good-day.” Well, Peter and I, who were sitting in



Mr. and Mrs. Frank Brown with David
and Helen Janzen, Francis and Patricia.

*Kindliche
Münzpf
Der Eltern Jungfrau
von der Pfälzer
Isaac Brown
Alexanderthal
am 24 December 1873.*

Poem No. 3.

IN DER STILLEN WOCHE

Still will ich sein in dieser stillen Woche,
In Lieb' und Andacht still;
Die Welt mit ihrer Sorg' und ihrer Freude
Ich flieh'n und meiden will.

Ich setze mich mit dir zu Tische nieder,
Zum letzten Abendmahl,
Zu jenem Mahl, das uns seit her geworden
Zum Sinnbild deiner Qual.

Dann gehe ich mit dir hinab zum Garten,
Dort nach Gethsemane;
Ich sehe blutend dich im Staube liegen
In tiefstem Seelenweh.

O Herr, du hast auch meinen Frieden
Gesucht in jener finstern Nacht,
Du hast, von allen abgeschieden,
Fuer mich gebetet und gewacht.

Wie sollt' ich daran nich gedenken,
Und aller Orten wo ich geh,
Die Blicke meiner Augen lenken
Hinueber nach Gethsemane.

—Unbekannt



Frank Brown was presented with a special Certificate of Recognition in Winkler, September 20, 1971, for his forty years of outstanding service in the field of education. Mr. George Siemens made the presentation on behalf of the Garden Valley School Division and Mrs. Brown is looking on with approval as the community had gathered in large numbers to honor her husband.

"I have enjoyed teaching, but it is not an easy job and it is not just from nine to four," said Mr. Brown.¹

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Isaac Braun — continued

the back seat of the Model T, laughed all the way home because of the blunder (as we thought) which Dad had made. We thought that was the greeting to use when you met someone but not when you left. However, later in the school of practical experience I discovered that Dad had used the correct greeting at the right time, too.

Dad was also much interested in his large blacksmith shop on the yard. He spent much time in there building wagons, etc., and repairing machinery. Quite often he had blisters on his hands from the pinch of a wrench or from a hammer blow.

During the winter months he went out a great deal with Mr. Harry Kashten by sleigh and horses to buy horses which were then shipped to Winnipeg by carload. He knew a good horse when he saw one. This

could be another reason why the neighbors called us "Schruggen Brunen" — Horse Brauns.

Dad also found it hard to refuse people who asked him for a loan. He had some mortgages and in some cases he had to foot the bill for the borrower. Jacob Penner built a butcher shop and furnished it with the necessary appliances. Then he put his sons into the business to run it for him. One day the boys were gone and the butcher shop was closed. Dad then held the building, renovated it for a banking business, and my brothers brought home the contents. After that any pig-killing bee at our house was a breeze for the pigs (at least, if not for the neighbors).

Our mother, Aganetha (Dyck) Braun, was born June 5, 1868. She died May 11, 1957. Her father was Wilhelm Dyck. He was born Oct. 4, 1821, at Tiegenhagen near Danzig, Germany. He died Nov. 17, 1905 at Chortitz, but he may be buried at Osterwick, Manitoba. He married Aganetha Toews April 3, 1841. They had three children, (daughters). Then her father married again on April 20, 1847. He now married Elizabeth Friesen who was born Nov 27, 1827, in Blumengart. She died Feb. 14, 1907. She was the daughter of Isbrand Friesen who lived in the Crimea, Russia. I do not have the date when grandfather Wilhelm Dyck's first wife (Aganetha Toews) died.

My great-grandfather, Aron Dyck, and great-grandmother died in Germany. After their deaths, my grandfather Wilhelm Dyck went to Russia when he was 18 years old. He used a large heavy hearing aid during the last years of his life. It was shaped like a frying pan with a long tube at one end. My grandparents had ten children. All told, my grandfather Wilhelm Dyck had 13 children. My mother was the second youngest. Five of these children died before the age of seven.

When my grandparents arrived in Manitoba mother lived with her parents in a simlin at Blumengart the first winter, 1875-1876. Then they moved to Osterwick where they built a log house. After our parents married, July 17, 1887, they also lived in Osterwick for four years. In 1891 they moved to 25-3-4 which was located about five miles southwest of Kronsgart. There they lived until father died (August 21, 1919) when we moved onto the Lloyd farm in Burwalde. We moved all the farm machinery and implements as well as all the cattle, horses, sheep and the other livestock that we had. My older brothers were happy to exchange the mud of 25-3-4 for the sandy loam of Burwalde. In 1925 mother moved to Winkler. From 1951 to 1956 she lived on the farm with the G. E. Wiebe's at Kronsgart. She died in the Salem Home May 11, 1957.

Towards the end of her life, mother's memory sometimes failed her, however, not too badly. I often marvelled that she could still recite poetry that she had memorized in her childhood. This poetry was a comfort to her in her old age.

The teachers that made her memorize this type of poetry in her childhood, would no doubt be labelled as old-fashioned imbecile sinners. However, what struck me was that this poetry and Bible verses stuck with her and gave her comfort.

“O Himmel tu’ dich auf,
Ich komm mit vollem Lauf.
Wo du mich kannst erblicken,
Wo du mich kannst erquicken;
Herr Jesus, lass’ mich ein,
Ich bin dein Täubelein.
Mein Leben bin ich satt,
Der vielen Jammer matt.
Die Welt die macht mich bang;
Herr Jesus, wie so lang,
Nimm mich aus dieser Welt,
In’s schöne Himmelszelt.”

And in the following poem she seemed to enjoy and find comfort in, particularly:

“Mein Lebensmorgen ist vergangen,
Die Sonne sinkt dem Abend zu:
Nach dir, mein Gott, geht mein Verlangen,
An deinem Herzen such ich Ruh.
Das Alter kommt herangeschritten,
O höre nun mein ernstlich Bitten
Du weißt. O Herr, was mir gebricht,
Verlasse mich im Alter nicht.

Du hast in meinen Jugendtagen
Mich gnädiglich zu dir gelenkt,
Du hast dein schwaches Kind getragen
Und Frieden mir ins Herz gesenkt.
Ach Herr, ich bin noch immer schuldig
Sei fernerhin mit mir geduldig
Und geh’ nicht mit mir ins Gericht,
Verlasse mich im Alter nicht.

Manch Freunde, die ich hie geliebt
Verliessen schon dies Erdental.
Ihr Scheiden hat mein Herz betrübet
Sie sind bei dir im Himmelssaal.
Es wird die Welt mir immer leerer,
Die Last der Sorgen immer schwerer,
Ich suche Herr dein Angesicht,
Verlasse mich im Alter nicht.

Und wenn in meinen letzten Tagen
 Des Körpers Kräfte abwärts gehn,
 Wenn Aug' und Ohr den Dienst versagen
 Die Lebensräder stille steh'n,
 Dann lasse mich an deinen Händen
 Im Frieden meinen Lauf vollenden.
 Sei du Herr meine Zuversicht,
 Verlasse mich im Alter nicht.

— Frank Brown.



1960 picture of, l to r: Menno William, Bernice May, Melvin James, Dad William, Mom Helena, and Dorothy Arlene Brown.



Seen at 1971 Braun Reunion with George I. Brown, Mrs. J. E. Dyck and Mrs. Elizabeth Martens in the front seats.



The children of Isaac and Aganetha (Dyck) Braun: Standing, l-r: William, Isaac, John, George; Seated: Peter Reginald, Jacob, Mary (Braun) Wiebe, Frank.



The Winkler Boys' Hockey Team.



P. Reginald Browne: Hockey Coach,
Santa Claus.



Ho, Ho, Ho!
Have you been a good boy?



Standing — l to r: Kenneth Wiebe, George Wiebe, Howard Wiebe. Seated — l to r: Irene Wiebe, Mary Wiebe, Marion Harder.



Standing — l to r: Peter Harder, George Wiebe, Mary Wiebe, Margaret Wiebe, Kenneth Wiebe, Clifford Wiebe, Audrey Wiebe, Howard Wiebe. Seated — l-r: Irene Wiebe, Audrey Wiebe, Vivian Harder, Murray Wiebe, Kevin Harder, Marion Harder, Leslie Harder.

GOD HELPS

We used to mature and be inducted into the labor force early in life in our family. With the 50-75 horses and almost as many head of cattle haying was an important summer operation for us. We farmed a section where we lived and another quarter in the Bloomfield district. The Bloomfield quarter was our hay farm. I recall that at the age of thirteen I accompanied Dad to do the cutting. We had two grass mowers. My father was towing a wagon with food and other supplies and I followed with the other team. We were prepared to stay for a few days. We cut late that day for six o'clock was never quitting time on the farm during the busy summer.

With dusk we unhitched our horses, fed and watered them, and enjoyed our evening meal after a long day's work. With the heavy swath we had cut, it was a simple task to provide shelter under the wagon by piling grass all around it. When tired hay makes a comfortable mattress. The warm July night did not call for heavy covers. We slept soundly. The meadow lark gaily singing his matins aroused us at day-break next morning.

With two mowers, operating trouble-free, we completed the cutting in mid-afternoon next day. Coming home after having been away over night gave me that feeling of joy and security that the family circle alone can do.

After brief stints of farming in Kronsgart and servicing Stanley families for Raleigh Products, I accepted a government mail contract for Rural Routes 1 and 2 out of Morden. These routes covered 26 and 36 miles respectively and each required deliveries thrice weekly. I used two 2-horse teams for winter deliveries and a Model T in summer.

This assignment gave me an unusual experience. A heavy rain just before May 23, 1933, made the roads very heavy so that I used horses that day. More rain came that afternoon. I was ten miles from home, nine miles south and one mile west of Morden in the One-Six hill country. Presently water was running very fast, across roads and fields and out of its usual courses. When I reached the Glencross school, the countryside was under water. Ditches were over-flowing, culverts were washed out and I was compelled to go cross-country and in places the water was so deep that my buggy was awash. The fast-flowing water had a tendency to make me dizzy unless I would look up. I had to detour westward to get to higher ground and finally I reached the Isaac Fehrs who invited me to stay for the night. In the morning I made Morden via the One-Six road.

During the 1930-1936 depression money was a scarce item. My wages were \$95.50 a month. Some years I paid ten cents for a bushel of oats, five dollars for a load of hay and ten dollars a month rent for a

five-bedroom house. Many people along Route 2 had neither cars nor horses. I would then pick up their cans of cream and bring out groceries for them the next mail day.

This daily country driving, summer and winter, in fair weather and foul, over the hills and across the plains, over roads that were not maintained, can be trying. However, after four years of Bentonite dust, I longed once more for the open roads, the blue sky and the sunshine. In 1947 I accepted a contract for a new mail route into One-Six.

This time I used a ski equipped Ford tractor for the winter deliveries. The skis ran in the sleigh tracks and I made many, many trips that were a delight, but there is always the occasion when the unexpected happens and there is that slip 'twixt the cup and the lip. So it happened here.

The One-Six country had a heavy fall of snow in February of 1948. A strong wind followed and whipped the snow into large drifts. The cuts through the hills were too narrow for even strong winds to sweep the snow out of them as happened when the cuts were several times as wide. The snow drifted into these narrow cuts and stayed. I had done a great deal of shovelling already. All to no avail. I'd shovel, drive ten feet, get stuck, shovel again, drive a few feet and be mired as before. The afternoon was passing, I had not yet completed my deliveries, and I was beginning to tire. The cut was so long. In my own strength I could not complete the day's work. People wanted their mail. I wanted to get home for the night.

I stopped the tractor, knelt down in the snow, I prayed to God, I told Him I could not do it alone, I asked Him to help me. I climbed back into the driver's seat and drove slowly through the cut. I delivered the rest of the mail and went home. God had heard my prayer. Praise and glory be to His name.

We lived in Morden twenty-two years. In October, 1948, we moved to Winkler and have enjoyed it.

— George I. Brown,
#343, Winkler.

**CHAPTER IX
THE PETER BRAUN AND KATRINA WIEBE FAMILY**



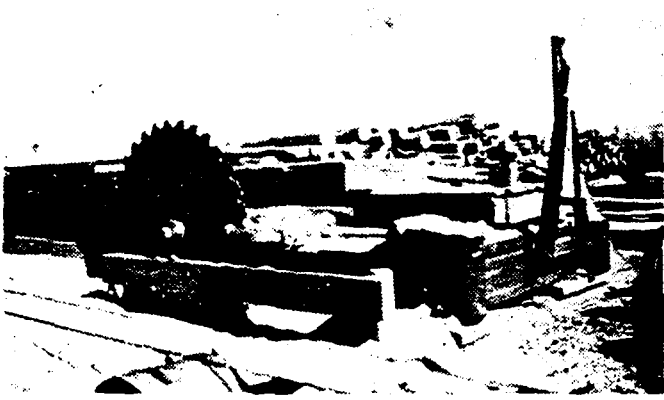
Mr. and Mrs. Peter Braun and family at Star City, Sask., about 1910.

Dorfregister No. 1687

<i>Personen Name</i>	<i>Geburtsort</i>	<i>Geburtsdatum</i>	<i>Heiratsdatum</i>	<i>Heiratsort</i>
<i>Jacob Wiebe</i>	<i>1839</i>	<i>Feb. 26</i>	<i>1889</i>	
<i>Suzanna Hamann</i>	<i>1870</i>	<i>Oct. 25</i>	<i>1888</i>	
<i>Suzanna Wiebe</i>	<i>1862</i>	<i>Jan. 16</i>	<i>1882</i>	<i>Jan. 16</i>
<i>Jacob</i>	<i>1863</i>	<i>Aug. 16</i>	<i>1889</i>	<i>Sept. 15</i>
<i>Jacob</i>	<i>1865</i>	<i>Aug. 30</i>	<i>1889</i>	
<i>Suzanna</i>	<i>1865</i>	<i>Jan. 29</i>	<i>1888</i>	
<i>Katharina</i>	<i>1870</i>	<i>April 26</i>	<i>1889</i>	
<i>Martin</i>	<i>1877</i>	<i>Sept. 26</i>	<i>1895</i>	<i>Jan. 22</i>
<i>Eugenetia</i>	<i>1878</i>	<i>July 10</i>	<i>1895</i>	<i>Jan. 9</i>
<i>Peter</i>	<i>1894</i>	<i>June 12</i>		

mit Peter Braun

The page from the Osterwick O.C.C. register showing Mrs. Katrina (Wiebe) Braun's family record.



Top left and clockwise:

The type of saw used by Peter Braun of Star City, Saskatchewan; Palmi and Irene Goodman, Wynyard, Sask. Peter Braun and Maria (Braun) Warkentin; The log house with thatched roof of Gerhart and Agneta Braun in northern Saskatchewan in early settlement days; Mary (Braun) Ratzlaff, Cornelius C. Warkentin, Isaac Brown, Linden; Tena (Wiens) Brown; Sadie (Braun) Milligan.

THE PETER BRAUN AND KATRINA WIEBE FAMILY

<p>3rd gen. Katherina Bruan George Miller</p>	<p>Born-Died 1890-1965 1891-</p>				
<p>4th gen. Tena Miller Henry Doerksen</p>	<p>Born-Died 1918-</p>	<p>5th gen. Evelyn Doerksen Gordon Wilson Elaine Doerksen Alan Radway</p>	<p>Born-Died 1948- 1952-</p>	<p>6th gen. Dena Wilson</p>	<p>Born-Died 1967-</p>
<p>Mary Miller S</p>	<p>1919-</p>				
<p>Peter Miller Katie Lusick</p>	<p>1924-</p>	<p>Beverley Miller</p>	<p>1957-</p>		
<p>Anne Miller Donald Poulton</p>	<p>1927-</p>	<p>Vera Poulton Gerry Franke Gordon Poulton Allan Poulton</p>	<p>1950- 1955- 1956-</p>		
<p>Jacob Braun Agatha Peters</p>	<p>1892-1955 1899-</p>				
<p>Evelyn Braun Kenneth Paups</p>	<p>1916- 1908-</p>	<p>Arnold Paups Edna Paups Jim Paups Charles Paups Deina Paups</p>			
<p>Edward Braun Leonard Braun ad</p>	<p>1918-</p>				
<p>Peter Braun Katherina Teichroeb</p>	<p>1896-1955 1894-1934</p>				
<p>Georgina Braun Jacob Heinrichs</p>	<p>1914- 1902-1960</p>	<p>Elmer Heinrichs Edythe Leslie Jean Heinrichs Gordon Heinrichs Mary Heinrichs John Golding</p>	<p>1935- 1944- 1939- 1946- 1947-</p>	<p>Patrick Heinrichs Laurie Heinrichs Karen Heinrichs</p>	<p>1963- 1966- 1969-</p>
<p>Nora Braun Dick Penner</p>	<p>1917- 1914-</p>	<p>Doreen Penner Walter Peters Katherine Penner Wilbert Rempel Leslie Penner Anna Reddekopp Harvey Penner Marion Penner Wayne Penner Charles Penner Susan Penner Dennis Gilbert David Penner Frederick Penner Margaret Penner</p>	<p>1941- 1932- 1942- 1945- 1944- 1948- 1945- 1947- 1945- 1949- 1951- 1949- 1953- 1954- 1958-</p>	<p>Gwen Peters Grant Peters Lorraine Penner Kimberley Penner</p>	<p>1962- 1967- 1966- 1969-</p>
<p>Peter Braun Margaret Hamm</p>	<p>1920- 1925-</p>	<p>Katherine Braun Lorraine Brown Margaret Braun Kenneth Braun Violet Braun Dorothy Braun Rudolf Braun</p>	<p>1946- 1947- 1949- 1958- 1960- 1962- 1968-</p>		

			5th gen.	Born-Died		6th gen.	Born-Died
4th gen.	Born-Died		Barry Brown	1946-		Diane Brown	1969-
Isaac Braun	1923-		Kenneth Brown	1960-			
1. Mary Doerksen	1923-		Margo	1951-			
2. Meta Barton c 1			Susan Brown				
			Frank Brown				
			April Brown				
			Montgomery Brown				
			Owen Brown				
			Sandra Brown				
			Ruth Walker	1942-		Dawn Angell	1968-
Mary Braun	1921-		1. Gordon King	1943-		Janet Angell	1969-
Harold Walker	1904-		2. Gerald Angell	1946-		Carol Angell	1971-
			Wilfred Walker			Patrick Walker	1969-
			Sharon Coe				
			Margaret Walker	1956-1956			
John Brown S	1926-						
Frank Brown	1927-		Peter Brown	1955-			
Elizabeth Ackerman	1936-		Robert Brown	1956-			
			Lorraine Brown	1971-			
Geo. Brown	1928-		Sharon Brown	1954-			
Mary Heinrichs	1929-		Susan Brown	1957-			
			Daryl Brown	1959-			
			Gordon Brown	1963-			
			Mark Brown	1963-			
Susan Brown	1930-		Lorne Craig	1963-			
Lloyd Craig	1918-		Mary Ann Craig	1964-			
			Barbara Brown	1955-			
Julius Brown	1934-		David Brown	1956-1967			
Edna Klassen	1928-		Beverley Brown	1957-			
			Katherine Brown	1957-			
			Eugene Brown	1963-			
Margaret Brown	1929-1929						
3rd gen.	Born-Died						
Mary Braun	1898-						
George Heinrichs	1899-1970						
			Lorne Bromm	1948-1948			
Tena Heinrichs	1924-		Robert Bromm	1952-			
Herman Bromm	1914-		Norman Bromm	1955-			
			Marteen Van Horst	1946-			
Gertrude Heinrichs	1925-		Mary Ann Cairns	1948-			
Thomas Cairns	1922-		Reginald Cairns	1954-			
			Elsie Cairns	1956-			
			Randolph Cairns	1958-			
			Sharon Brown	1954-			
Mary Heinrichs	1929-		Susan Brown	1957-			
Dave Brown	1927-		Daryl Brown	1959-			
			Mark Brown	1963-			
			Gordon Brown	1963-			
Peter Heinrichs	1931-1952						
Jacob Heinrichs	1933-						
Tena Klassen	1933-		Kenneth Heinrichs	1958-			
George Heinrichs	1937-		Theresa Heinrichs	1969-			
Iris Thoreson	1945-		Janice Heinrichs	1971-			

4th gen. Ann Heinrichs Les Stafford	Born-Died 1942- 1928-	{ 5th gen. Kerry Stafford Wendolyn Stafford Shelley Stafford	Born-Died 1954- 1961- 1964-		
3rd gen. George Braun Mary Friesen	Born-Died 1898- 1900-			6th gen. Richard Johnson Allen Johnson	Born-Died 1966- 1968-
Annie Brown Leonard Dean	1920- 1908-	{ Charles Dean Edythe Johnson Edward Dean Mary Dean Alfred Newfield Violet Dean Dorothy Dean Lawrence Malic Louise Dean Philip Alcock Audrey Dean Flora Dean Florence Dean William Dean	1944- 1946- 1946- 1946- 1943- 1947-1947 1948- 1946- 1949- 1945- 1951- 1954- 1958- 1962-	{ Susan Newfield Rox Ann Newfield Alfreda Newfield Jennifer Malic Leslie Malic Victoria Malic Rodney Malic Patrick Alcock James Alcock Albert Alcock Loretta Alcock	1965- 1966- 1968- 1964- 1965- 1967- 1969- 1967- 1968-1968 1969-1969 1969-
Tena Brown Abe Wiebe	1922- 1909-	{ Ruby Wiebe Edward Lariviere Janet Wiebe Steven Malic Jane Wiebe Richard Wiebe Vivian Wiebe Vera Wiebe	1943- 1935- 1948- 1949- 1953- 1954- 1961- 1965-	{ Paul LaRiviere Joseph LaRiviere William LaRiviere	1967- 1968- 1970-
Mary Brown Robert Conway	1923- 1924-	{ Theresa Conway Joe Moscat Lorraine Conway Peter Conway	1948- 1938- 1952- 1961-	{ Curtis Moscat	1968-
Henry Brown Audrey Stock	1925- 1930-	{ Caroline Brown Cheryl Brown Daniel Brown Shelly Brown Douglas Brown David Brown	1952- 1954- 1955- 1958- 1961- 1961-		
Jacob Brown Betty Stock	1927- 1935-	{ Joseph Brown Kenneth Brown Rodney Brown Anthony Brown Frederick Brown Darcy Brown	1955- 1959- 1963- 1965- 1967- 1969-		
Agnes Brown Stanley Carlson	1930- 1924-	{ Debra Carlson Steve Hochachka Dwight Carlson Robert Carlson Thorsten Carlson Joeffrey Carlson Kevin Carlson Frederick Carlson Earling Carlson	1949- 1954- 1958- 1960- 1961- 1963- 1964- 1967-	{ Corey Hochachka Kari Hochachka	1969- 1970-
Helen Brown Gordon Stobbs	1931- 1932-	{ Beverley Stobbs Wayne Stobbs	1952- 1953-		

4th gen. George Brown Estelle Nokes	Born-Died 1936- 1940-	{ 5th gen. George Brown Gregory Brown Natalie Brown Connie Brown	Born-Died 1958- 1959- 1961- 1963-	
Peter Brown Vera Jasberd	1935- 1936-	{ Laura Brown Patricia Brown Cynthia Brown Georgina Brown	1958- 1959- 1963- 1964-	
John Brown Tena Peters	1936- 1944-	{ Sandra Brown Jody Brown Rachalel Brown	1961- 1962- 1969-	
Frank Brown Marcia Huston	1938- 1944-	{ Ruth Brown Carmen Brown	1968- 1970-	
Cornelius Brown Marion White	1940- 1942-	{ Daniel Brown Adle Brown Stanley Brown	1960- 1962- 1964-	
3rd gen. John Braun Susan Doerksen	Born-Died 1900-1969 1904-1961			
Ella Brown Peter Funk	1925- 1924-1970	{ Florence Funk Glen Moffatt Gary Funk Francis Mazurick Peter Braun Ada Fayer Jacob Braun Margaret Zenick	1947- 1940- 1949- 1930- 1940- 1939- 1941-	{ 6th gen. Gregory Moffatt Norman Brown Susan Brown Robert Brown
Susan Braun 1. Heinrich Teichroeb 2. Thomas Moffat	1906- 1891-1954 1906-			Born-Died 1971-
Norman Teichroeb Shiela Smith	1931- 1931-	{ Susan Teichroeb		
Irene Teichroeb Palmi Goodman	1933- 1919-	{ Shawna Goodman Heather Goodman	1965- 1966-	
Myrna Teichroeb Gustav Schindel	1938- 1937-	{ Daryl Schindel Wendy Schindel David Schindel	1961- 1962- 1966-	
Eunice Teichroeb Wm. Wright	1942- 1929-	{ Kimberly Wright Orlie Wright	1960- 1963-	
Diane Teichroeb Eldon Kelln	1947- 1947-	{ Garnet Kelln	1968-	
Anna Braun Jacob Dyck	1908-1957 1898-			
Jacob Dyck Dorothy Nickel Peter Dyck Henry Dyck	1940- 1942- 1946- 1948-			



George and Mary (Braun) Heinrichs of Nipawin, Sask.



The George Heinrichs and Irene Thoreson wedding picture of 1967.



The George Miller and Katherina Braun family.

IT IS APPOINTED UNTO MEN ONCE TO DIE

How did the five Braun brothers die?

Peter, the youngest, was the first to go. He died on the way home from Star City. Evidently he had managed to leave his sleigh and still hold on to the reins since the horses had apparently circled him for a while. When the team finally arrived at home without him the family became aware of his death. He was found kneeling in the snow.

Isaac was the next to go. He died at home in bed after a lingering illness resulting from several severe strokes. During this time he was frequently visited by his eldest brother, Gerhard. Both were fond of horses. After one of these visits Gerhard reported that Isaac had had one of his favorite teams of horses brought close to his bedroom window that he might see them again. Then, after the last of these brotherly visits, Gerhard joyfully reported how resigned, calm and happy Isaac had become. He had found peace and joy in the Lord and was awaiting his Master's call. During the doctor's last visit he said, "I am going home".

Jacob followed Isaac ten years later. The Lord called him at the breakfast table. He slumped over and was away.

Gerhard was called at seventy-five. He was found at the bottom of the back stairs in the morning dead of a heart attack on the stairs.

Johann outlived Gerhard by five years. He was the other one who died in bed at home. Friends had observed his failing health. It was in 1943. His son Peter says that "In the morning dad was no longer there."

Peter Braun, pioneer farmer, mixed, thresher, construction
Katrina Wiebe, hsekpr, gardening, sewing, O.C.C.

Katherina Braun, hsekpr, JW, WrW, Lo Germ.
George Miller, Farmer, mixed, JW, Lo Germ.

Tena Miller, hsekpr, JW, WrW, Lo Germ
Henry Doerksen, Farmer, Creston, BC, JW, reading, '63 Valiant

Peter Miller, XII, Telephone Ser, Wadena, Sask, JW
Katie Lusick, Hsekpr, JW, AW

Annie Miller, VIII, Hsekpr, UC, sewing, b&w, '63 truck, Eng.
Donald Poulton, X, Farmer, mixed, ½S, UC, electronics, Eng.

Evelyn Doerksen, IX, JW, WrW, Eng.
Gordon Wilson, XI, Trail, B.C., JW, '59 Chev, Eng.

Elaine Doerksen, XI, hsekpr, JW, WrW, b&w, Eng.
Alan Radway, Nipawin, Sask, JW, Eng, '59 Chev, '60 Dodge

Vera Poulton, XII, RN, hsekpr, UC, color, Eng.
Garry Franke, XI, UC, '70 Ford Maverick

Agatha Peters, Hsekpr, VIII
Jacob Braun, VI, Farmer RR3 Arm Rd, Vernon, BC

Evelyn Braun
Kenneth Paups

Edward Braun
Barbara

Georgina Braun, V, hsekpr, GC, Menn. Ch, '61 Plymouth, b&w
Jacob Heinrichs, farmer, GC, Eng, Lo Germ.

Thomas McGee, Retired

Elmer Heinrichs, VIII, miner, Thompson, '70 St. wgn, color
Edythe Leslie, XII, hsekpr, Scotch, WrW, Dr, Eng.

Jean Heinrichs, XI, RN, Battleford S, Union Hospital, b&w, '71 Ford, WrW

Gordon Heinrichs, X, mgr concrete constr'n, '64 Ford, Eng.

Mary Heinrichs, Super't Calgary telephone, Eng.
John Golding, Radar Constr'n, '68 Ford, Eng.

Nora Braun, VIII, hsekpr, Bethany Menn, FPW, WrW, Dr, b&w, Lo Germ.
Dick Penner, farmer, 1S, 30 yrs, hunter, Bethany Menn, '65 GMC truck, Eng, FPW

Justene Penner, VIII, hsekpr, Bethany M, Lo Germ, b&w, WP
Walter Peters, VIII, farmer, 1S, mixed, Bethany M, '70 Chev truck, WrW Dr, Lo Germ.

Katherine Penner, VIII, hsekpr, Bethany, '69 Ranger truck, b&w, sno cruiser
Wilbert Rempel, VIII, farmer 5, Bethany, Lo Germ, record player

Leslie Penner, VII, foreman, Pool Constr'n, '70 Chev, Lo Germ
Anna Reddekopp, XII, RN, Saskatoon Hosp'l, WrW Dr, Lo Germ, '71 Maverick, b&w

Harvey Penner, X, potash miner, hunter, farmer, '68 Buick, Lo Germ.

Marion Penner, XII, Hsekpr, UC, '68 GMC truck, Lo Germ.
Wayne Penner, X, Miner, Thompson, UC, Lo Germ.

Chas. Abr. Penner, X, farmer, Record player, '68 Ford, Lo Germ.

Susan Penner, XII, hsekpr, UC, record player, '68 GMC truck, Lo Germ.
Dennis Gilbert, XII, farmer, mechanic, UC, WrW, b&w, high Germ & Eng.

David Penner, X, farmer, hunter, Man. Highways Dept, Lo Germ, record player, recorder

Frederick Penner, VIII, janitor Thompson mine, Pontiac, Lo Germ.

Margaret Penner, VIII, Girl guide, takes sewing & cooking, SS, YP, choir, Lo Germ.

Mary Brown, X, domestic, kitchen staff super'r 8; b&w, Star Weekly, AW
Harold Walker, VIII, farmer, mixed, 40; beef; UC, reading, '67 truck 1/2 ton

Ruth Walker, XII, teacher el; Eng, AW, Mormon, knit, crochet, Starcraft boat Johnson
Gerald Angell, 3 yr U, at UBC; Eng, Tourist camp op, 5; Mormon, Europe (2), Daily Reminder,
boating, Ensign, skiing, WrW, '71 Dodge truck 3/4 ton.

Wilfred Walker, 3 yrs U
Sharon Lynn Coe

Julius Brown, farmer, ferry man, 1/2S, 20, counsellor 9, sch trustee, GC, hunting, fishing, '67 Chev
sedan, b&w, RD, WFP, WP, Lo Germ.
Edna Klassen, VIII, hsekpr, WrW SDr, Trips to BC, Alta, Man, Lo Germ.

Susan Brown, hsekpr, UC, Sport, WrW, Eng, b&w, RD, '71 WP, WFP
Lloyd Craig, XII, stationary engineer 15; UC, hockey, fishing, '71 Pontiac, Eng.

George David Brown, Hoist man HBMS, 18; Snow Lake, Pentecostal, hunt, fish, hockey, BC,
'66 Plymouth, Lo Germ.
Mary Heinrichs, VIII, Hsekpr, PC, WP, WFP, Sport, WrW, b&w, Lo Germ.

Frank Brown, trainman, HBMS, Flin Flon, UC, Eng, Lo Germ, hockey, fishing, '63 Ford, Mate
boat; Sports
Elizabeth Ackerman, VIII, hsekpr, UC, Ontario, b&w, AW, WP, WFP

John Brown, VIII, bldg mover, welding, garage mechanic, RC, Indian artifacts, hunting, b&w, '67
IHC truck 1/2 ton, Lo Germ, RD, WP, WFP.

Mary Braun, Hsekpr, Bethany Menn, gardening, WrW, Lo Germ.
George Heinrichs, farmer, mixed, 1/2S, '64 Rambler, b&w

Tena Heinrichs, VIII, hsekpr, Lutheran, SS teacher, b&w, WrW, Lo Germ.
Herman Bromm, VI, farmer, mixed, 30, 1 3/4S, Lutheran, gardening, '65 Chev, recorder, High
German

Gertrude Heinrichs, VIII, hsekpr, UC, b&w, Lo Germ, WrW, Eng.
Thomas Cairns, VIII, RM Richmond, UC, '66 Plymouth, Eng.

Mary Heinrichs, VIII, hsekpr, Baptist, SS teacher, handicrafts, WrW, '66 Plymouth, Lo Germ.
Dave Brown, VIII, miner, 20, Baptist, hunt, fish, b&w, Lo Germ, Flin Flon

Jacob Heinrichs, VIII, farmer, mixed, 8, 5/4S, '68 Ford, Lo Germ, WP
Tena Klassen, XI, hsekpr, WrW, b&w, Lo Germ.

George Heinrichs, VIII, farmer, mixed, 12, 1S, '65 Ford, Lo Germ, Eng, b&w
Iris Thoresen, XI, Hsekpr, CG, WrW, Eng.

Ann Heinrichs, VIII, hsekpr, Lutheran, WrW, b&w, Lo Germ.
Les Stafford, VIII, farmer, mixed, 20, 7/4S, '67 Chrysler, WP, Eng.

John Brown, farmer, mixed, 1/2S, 35; GC, Eng.
Susan Doerksen, hsekpr, GC, Eng.

Ella May Brown, VIII, hsekpr, Ev'l Free Church, cook, knit, b&w, AW, Eng.
Peter Funk, VIII, Voc'l mechanics course, Can. Army Ser., had heart surgery, hunt big game,
Niagara Falls, Europe, '68 Rebel, Eng, Lo Germ.

Florence Funk, XII, 1 yr U, steno, Alliance United, sew, b&w, AW, Eng.
Glen Moffatt, XII, heavy duty mechanic, AU, hockey, skiing; '72 Datsun; ski, Eng.

Garry Funk, X, Licensed mechanic, at Datsun dealership; sports cars, Eng, '67 Ford mustang
Frances Mazurick, XII, hsekpr, b&w, AW, Eng.

Peter Brown, IV, foreman Prince George waterworks fourteen years, hunting, boating, fishing, roadwork,
'71 Ford, b&w, AW, Eng.
Ada Feyer, XII, IAC, hsekpr, Hawaii, Disneyland, crocheting, knitting, Eng.

Jacob Brown, IX, welder, Tow-truck, self-employed, Eng, b&w
Margaret Zenicl, X, hsekpr, Eng.

Susan Brown, housewife, Lo Germ.
1. Heinrich Teichroeb, Farmer, Lo Germ.
2. Tom Moffatt, Eng.

Norman Teichroeb, constr'n worker, 2 cars, Eng.
Shiela Smith, XII, RN, Mental Hos'l super'r, reading, Eng.

Irene Teichroeb, VIII, hsekpr, Legion Aux'y, knit, crocket, sew, gardening, '67 Chev truck, b&w, WrW, Eng.
Palmi Goodman, VIII, farmer, laborer, 35, flying, mechanic, painter, carpenter, Legion, Chat, Pop
Sc, Pop Mechanics

Myrna Teichroeb, XII, 2nd yr U, teacher, hsekpr, Eng, AW, '70 Pontiac Parisienne.
Gustav Schindel, XII, plus 5 yrs U. chemical engineer, 11 yrs, Time, Nat'l Geog'ic, environmental
engineer, Lutheran, oil painting, woodwork, Eng.

Eunice Teichroeb, hsekpr, 11, sewing, needle work, b&w, WrW, Eng.
William Wright, farmer, life, 1 car, Eng.

Diane Teichroeb, XII, sec. 3, hsekpr, reading, sewing, Lutheran, '69 Impala, color, AW, Eng.
Eldon Kelln, XII, IBM computer op 3, 1 yr U, 1 car, Eng.

Quill Lake, Sask.,
April 3, 1972.

Dear Cousin/Uncle,

Must get this letter off to you. I am still wondering just what actual relationship I am to you.

I have a sister Mary in Winnipeg residing at 499 Ritchot, St. Boniface. Her telephone No. is 247-5066. Her name is Mrs. Mary Miller. She knows the family better than I do.

My parents came to Q.L. in 1934 from Teddington. They built a log shack on their farm. In 1957 they moved back to Nipawin and sold their farm to a neighbor who is now dismantling the old log house.

The walls of the shack were covered with many kinds and thicknesses of wallpaper. At first we white-washed it but this kept peeling off. We used old newspapers to seal the cracks. They were of the 1934-46 period. The house has shrunk the width of about two big logs. I have been living 13 miles from the old place and it still seems like home sweet home.

I would certainly like a "tree" of my mother's brothers and sisters and their children. Maybe it will all be in the book you are publishing.

Wishing you the best of tree hunting, I remain,

Your Cousin,
Mrs. Donald Poulton,
Box 215, Quill Lake, Sask.
S0A 3E0

RR-1, Codette, Sask.,
20, 4, '71.

Dear Mr. Brown,

Our family is scattered all across the West. I have tried to fill out your form. I hope some of the information is what you want for the Braun family tree.

Mrs. Nora Penner.

Box 1211, Nipawin, Sask.,
20, 4, '71.

Dear Peter,

My granddaughter's husband's name is Marteen Van der Horst.
He was born Dec. 18, 1946.

As ever,
(Mrs.) Mary Heinrichs.

1470 Applewood Bay,
Brandon, Man., 28, 4, '71.

Dear Peter,

Must congratulate you on the accuracy of your task. You have
more information on my brothers and sisters than I had. My brother's
name is George, not David, and he was born in 1928.

Sincerely,
Susan Craig.

Box 342, Flin Flon, Man.,
May 9, '71.

Dear Peter,

Thank you for your letter. The chart you sent is much appreciated.
It must have been a lot of work for you. Here is some information for
you, but not all you asked for.

George (David) Brown was born 1927, Mary Heinrichs, 1929.
They are first cousins.

Thanks again,
Ruth Angell.

905-37th St., SE.,
Calgary, Alberta,
Jan. 14, 1972.

Dear Peter,

Received your most welcome letter and picture of the Braun place
and questionnaire. I don't think I ever saw the grandpa Braun farm
home at Osterwick. Brother Peter Warkentin told me more about our
family than my mother ever did. She was too busy raising a big family
and working hard. I give her full credit for all she did for us when we
were small. Thank you for the picture. The best of luck to you and
yours in 1972. As ever,

Frank Loewen.

CHAPTER X
THE CORNELIUS WARKENTIN FAMILY



The Cornelius Warkentin Family with J.C. in front.



Mrs. Maria Buhr knitting at ninety.



Four generations of Warkentins: Mrs. Jacob Warkentin, Rev. John Warkentin, Mrs. Rev. H. S. Voth and Mrs. G. G. Enns.



Cornelius and Maria (Braun) Warkentin.



John J. and Mary (Warkentin) Johnson.



John J. Johnson behind the best beard in North Dakota.

MARY BRAUN 1870-1963
1. CORNELIUS WARKENTIN 1866-1901
2. FRANK LOEWEN 1852-1919
3. PETER BUHR 1863-1936

3rd gen.	Born-Died						
Mary Warkentin	1889-1950						
John J. (Janzen) Johnson							
4th gen.	Born-Died	5th gen.	Born-Died	6th gen.	Born-Died		
Norman Johnson	1918-	{ Stanley Johnson Donna Johnson Keith Hassenger Norma Johnson Shigeru Sakoju	{ 1939-1951 1943- 1942- 1949- 1948-	{ Debbra Hassenger Kerri Hassenger Holly Hassenger	{ 1966- 1968- 1970-		
Alvina Opp	1916-						
Ella Mae Johnson	1919-					} Marjorie Neumiller Mary Neumiller	{ 1943- 1956-
Alvin Neumiller	1919-						
Edna Johnson	1920-					{ Lois Johnson Larry Johnson Loren Johnson	{ 1950- 1953- 1966-
Stanley Johnson	1926-						
Donna Buskeness	1934-						
MaryAnne Johnson	1929-	{ James Beldin Timothy Beldin John Andrew Beldin Cheryl Beldin David Beldin	{ 1953- 1956- 1958- 1959- 1962-1962				
Robert Beldin	1923-						
Lena Warkentin	1890-						
Jacob E. Dyck	1889-1970						
Mary Dyck	1913-1913	{ Robert Dyck Carol Anderson Ray Dyck Marilyn Forrest Norman Dyck Eileen Dyck	{ 1945- 1947- 1947- 1947- 1953- 1956-				
Henry Dyck	1915-1916						
Peter Dyck	1918-						
Mary Suderman	1913-						
Annie Dyck	1920-			} Doreen Dyck Sandra Dyck	{ 1959- 1960-		
Timothy Evans	1928-						
Albert Dyck	1922-	{ Beverley Dyck Gregory Dyck Robert Dyck	{ 1955- 1957- 1960-				
Lilian Klassen	1923-						
John Dyck	1924-						
Betty Jackson	1932-	{ Garry Dyck Darryl Dyck Wadine Dyck Kevine Dyck Stuart Dyck	{ 1951- 1954- 1957- 1964- 1965-				
Isaac Dyck	1927-						
Laura Friesen	1930-						
Jac. C. Warkentin	1892-						
Susie Zacharias							
Arthur Warkentin	1927-	{ Randall Warkentin Lorne Warkentin Carol Warkentin	{ 1961- 1966- 1967-				
Mary Bueckert	1933-						
Cornelius Warkentin	1893-1893						

3rd gen.	Born-Died		5th gen.	Born-Died
C. C. Warkentin	1894-			
Tina Hoepfner	1900-			
4th gen.	Born-Died		5th gen.	Born-Died
Katherine Warkentin	1920-	}	June Gionet	1954-
Wilfred Gionet	1921-		Robert Gionet	1955-
Walter Warkentin	1923-	}	Harvey Warkentin	1954-
Doris Ginter	1925-		Glen Warkentin	1962-
			Allan Warkentin	1965-
John Warkentin	1926-	}	Paul Warkentin	1960-
Mary Janzen	1929-		Peter Warkentin	1962-
			Garry Warkentin	1963-
			Rosemarie Warkentin	1966-
			Stephen Warkentin	1970-
Annie Warkentin	1929-	}	Corrine Zacharias	1965-
Peter Zacharias	1932-		Cameron Zacharias	1967-
Peter Warkentin	1931-	}	Wayne Warkentin	1963-
Marge Reimer	1937-		Cora Warkentin	1967-
Helen Warkentin	1934-	}	Murray Born	1969-
William Born	1932-		Daryl Born	1960-
			Debbie Born	1962-
			Betty Born	1964-
Edward Warkentin	1937-	}	Annette Warkentin	1968-
Helen Dyck	1945-		Bradley Warkentin	1969-
Elizabeth Warkentin	1945-	}	Kimberley Zacharias	1964-
Corn. Zacharias	1935-		Melanie Zacharias	1966-
			Monica Zacharias	1970-
Kenneth Warkentin	1945-	}	Janice Warkentin	1966-
Barbara Martindale	1948-		Dwayne Warkentin	1968-
Peter Warkentin	1896-			
Catherine Siemens	1905-			
June Warkentin	1929-	}	Barry Sheppard	1960-
Robert Sheppard	1936-		Cathryn Sheppard	1965-
			Peter Sheppard	1967-
Kenneth Warkentin	1930-	}	Dwayne Warkentin	1956-
Harvey Warkentin	1932-		Reginald Warkentin	1958-
Bernice Gibbons	1934-		Holly Warkentin	1960-
			Dawn Warkentin	1960-
John Warkentin	1897-			
1. Muriel Elems	1911-			
2. Jean McGaughy	1929-			
	Md 1961, div 1962.			
Edward Warkentin	1939-			
George Warkentin	1899-			
Susanna Zado	1906-			
Laura Warkentin	1926-	}	Sharon Metcalfe	1948-
James Metcalfe				
Eleanor Warkentin	1927-	}	James Loepky	1946-
Norman Loepky	Sep		Leslie	
			Arlene Loepky	1948-
Katherine Warkentin	1900-1901			



The John Johnson Family in 1934.

Standing, l-r: Ella Mae (Mrs. Neumiller), Mr. Johnson, Edwin of Walla Walla; Mrs. Mary (Warkentin) Johnson; Edna Johnson, M.A., of Walla Walla; William A. of Shafter; Norman of Washington, D.C.; Stanley of Woodworth; Harold of Lynwood; Alvina of Hallister; Mary Ann (in front).



Mr. John R. Walkof with his Valleyfield Sunday School class.

3rd gen.	Born-Died		5th gen.	Born-Died
Annie Loewen	1904-			
David Stobbe	1905-			
4th gen.	Born-Died	{		
Gordon Stobbe	1927-		Greta Stobbe	1954-
Irene Siemens	1929-		Rachel Stobbe	1955-
			Elizabeth Stobbe	1956-
Irene Stobbe	1929-	}	Karen Raedal	1954-
Harold Raedal	1929-		Larry Raedal	1956-
David Stobbe	1933-	}	Jeffrey Stobbe	1961-
Gladys Heide	1933-		Peter Stobbe	1963-
Marilyn Stobbe	1941-			
David Nelson	1940-			
Sadie Loewen	1908-			
Henry H. Epp	1908-			
Beverley Epp	1929-	{	Sharon Epp	1952-
Susan Reimer	1930-		Gary Epp	1955-
			Richard Epp	1957-
			Darrel Epp	1959-
			Wayne Epp	1963-
Howard Epp	1937-	{	Valerie Epp	1957-
Evelyn Funk	1937-		Allison Epp	1958-
			Karen Epp	1960-
			Melanie Epp	1965-
			Michelle Epp	1967-
Lois Epp	1942-	}	Andrea Zilke	1967-
Laird Zilke	1942-		Jason Zilke	1970-
Frank Loewen	1905-			
Maria Reddekopp	1909-			
Donald Loewen	1931-	{	Donald Loewen	1956-
Alberta Laing	1931-		Myrna Loewen	1957-
			Lori Loewen	1959-
			Darren Loewen	1961-
			Garth Loewen	1965-
Doreen Loewen	1934-	{	Terrance Polutnik	1956-
Terrance Polutnik	1931-		Brenda Polutnik	1958-
			James Polutnik	1963-
Loretta Loewen	1935-	}	Robert Vaas	1963-
1. Joe Vaas	1935-	}	David Latimer	1967-
2. Lloyd Latimer	1934-		Lee Latimer	1969-
David Loewen	1939-	{	Cindy Loewen	1961-
Alexia Mariel	1940-		David Loewen	1963-
			Korene Loewen	1964-
			Thomas Loewen	1968-
Garry Loewen	1947-	}	Rene Loewen	1968-
Hilda Zeeb	1951-		Christopher Loewen	1971-

Mary Braun, hsekpr, farmer, GC
Cornelius Warkentin, pioneer farmer, mixed, 1/2S, GC

Mary Warkentin, Housewife; S.D.A.; Lo Germ, Eng.
John J. Johnson, Farmer, grain & cattle; SDA; Lo Germ, Eng.

Norman Johnson, BA, MA, BD; Theology, Prof in Col. Uni. Coll; SDA.
Alvina Opp, Snack Bar supervisor, Col. Uni, Coll; SDA.

Ella Mae Johnson, Hsekpr, el sch teacher 24, now on city staff; SDA, '72 Chevy.
Alvin Neumiller, farming, mixed, 1 1/2S; SDA, All sports; AW, Eng.
Edna Johnson, RN, BA, MA, U of Cal.; Dept. Chairman, Public Health Nursing, grad. Public Health Nursing course, Psychiatric Nursing, on faculty of Walla Walla Coll; member Public Health Ass.

Stanley Johnson, Farming, stock & grain, on father's 1902 homestead; Member Agri'l Conservation & Stabilization Bd; SDA; '72 Buick; Township Bd member (Councillor).
Donna Buskness, Hsewife; hobby, animals, dogs & horses; SDA, Eng.

Mary Anne Johnson, Hsekpr, el teacher 5 yrs; community worker; SDA; Ceramics
Robert Beldin, BA; High Sch teacher; farming, dairy, 3/4S; SDA; Eng.

Donna Opp, BA; SDA; pianist
Rev. Keith Hassinger, BA, missionary in Guam; SDA; Eng; ham radio operator

Norma Jane Opp, hsewife; Nursing, Home Ec Instr in Col Uni Coll; SDA;
Shigeru Sakonju, Pre-Med Col Uni Coll; SDA, Pianist for National Adventist Choral Society, Eng.

Marjorie Neumiller, RN, nurse in Oregon T.B. San.; SDA, pianist; '68 Pontiac
Rod Zacher, served term in Air Force, works for U.S. Steel; Eng.

Lois Mae Johnson, works in St. Lukes Hosp. in Fargo, N. Dak.; SDA pianist, Eng.
Larry Lee Johnson, student, second year Union; SDA
James Beldin, student, second year coll.

THE CORNELIUS WARKENTIN-FRANZ LOEWEN FAMILY THE WARKENTIN-LOEWEN BIOGRAPHIES

- Helena Warkentin, V, Hsekpr, GC, sewing, knitting, gardening, Lo Germ, Eng.
Jacob E. Dyck, XI, teaching, rural, el; band master, building contractor, GC, music, pipe organ, auto mechanic, woodworking, Falcon
- Peter Dyck, XII, BA, BEd, teaching 15, sch principal 20, conduct male voice choir; Pres M-MSch-Div teachers' Assoc., Pres H-W teachers' Local, Pres Morris Lions Club, Pres Morris Credit Union, Cabinet Mem-Lions Int-Dist 5M3, Zone Ch-Deputy Dist Gov Dist 5M3. GC; music, organ and trumpet, stamp collecting, woodworking, '68 Meteor, Eng, 2 b&w, MacL, 1 color, RD, Time, P Sc, Lo Germ, P Mech, California, '67 Expo, West Coast, Maritimes
Mary Suderman, Hsekpr, GC, growing flowers, sewing, knitting
- Anne Dyck, XII, teaching, com; accountant; UC, sewing, golfing, gardening, camping, Chev Caprice, Canada
T. A. (Tim) Evans, Photographer, civil eng'g, technician, vocational instructor; UC, Japan, Europe, England, France, United States
- Albert Dyck, XII, BSc, MEd, teaching, Ind'l Arts, CAF, UC, fishing, golfing, gardening, Ford Galaxie, Newsweek, Observer, Time, Life, Plaintruth, MacL
Lillian Klassen, XI, hsekpr, UC, Newsweek, World of Tomorrow
- John Akan Dyck, XII, BSc, BEd, teaching, UC, gardening, camping, music, photography, '68 Ford, Can. Consumer, b&w, Nat'l Geographic
Betty L. Jackson, hsekpr, UC, golfing, curling, electronics, fishing, reading, MM, RD, Physics Teacher
- Isaac Dyck, XII, Ind'l Arts certificate, El'y teacher's certificate, Occupational Certificate, UC, gardening, boating, fishing, carpentry, '70 Buick, color, P Sc, P Mech.
Laura Friesen, Hsekpr, UC
- Robert Dyck, XII, BSc, MSc, Research, Chemist, Atomic Energy of Canada at Pinawa
Carol Anderson, Hsekpr.
- Ray John Dyck, XII, BSc., E.E. with Can. Gen Electric
Marilyn Forrest, XII, BScN, Public Health nurse
- Garry Dyck, Trainman
Darryl Dyck, Trainman
- Cornelius Warkentin, IX, farmer, grain, 3/4A, 50; sch trustee, Dodge Monaco, Lo Germ.
Tina Hoeppner, hsekpr, WrW, b&w, Lo Germ.
- Katherine Warkentin, VIII, hsekpr, WrW, '65 Plymouth, Lo Germ.
Wilfred Gionet
- Walter Warkentin, XI, farmer, GC, '64 Rambler, Lo Germ.
Doris Ginter, hsekpr, GC, WrW, Lo Germ.
- John Warkentin, X, Farmer, mixed, 3/8S, EMMC, '63 Pontiac, Lo Germ.
Mary Janzen, hsekpr, Decision, Broadc'r, Lo Germ, WrW.
- Annie Warkentin, XII, teacher, VIII Piano; Calif, Lo Germ, '69 Chrysler 300, WrW
Peter Zacharias, steno, 6, 10; Piano, curling, Lo Germ, b&w, Decision, FP, WP, CG, Co-op.
- Peter Warkentin, VIII, crane op 15; '62 Valiant, Eng.
Marge Reimer, hsekpr, FP, Decision, WrW, Eng.
- Helen Warkentin, X, hsekpr, Alliance, sew, SD, b&w, Eng, Decision.
William Borne, '64 Chev, Eng, CG
- Edward Warkentin, IX, Crane Op, Florida, '68 Ford, Lo Germ, Eng.
Helen Dyck, hsekpr, Florida, WrW, Lo Germ, Eng.
- Elizabeth Warkentin, X, hsekpr, pianist, Baptist, AW, Eng.
Cornelius Zacharias, Baptist, Eng.
- Kenneth Warkentin, IX, farmer, 1/4S, 6; Full Gospel Mission, '68 truck 1/2ton, Eng.
Barbara Martindale, IX, Full Gospel Mission, AW, Decision, Eng.
- Peter C. Warkentin, VIII, Merchant '17 to '59; farmer, mixed, 2S, UC, World Tour '63; Expo, Alaska, USA, b&w, color
Catharine Siemens, IX, hsekpr, UC, World Tour, Expo, Alaska, USA, WrW, Eng — Lo Germ.

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John Warkentine — VIII, civil law (US), graduate of 2-yr. course at California Commercial College; thresher, farmer, cattle, grain, cotton, soybeans, wheat, cantaloupes; insurance, bookkeeper; county judge; service station, bee keeper, blacksmithing. Thirty-second degree Free Mason, scout master, sec. of Chamber of Commerce; '57 Cadillac; RD, Time, Nat'l Geographic, Pop'r Mechanics; color, SD: Eng. In Calif. since 1923.

1. Muriel Elems — High sch grad, secretary

Edward Warkentine — High sch grad, one yr coll; first class mechanic, refrigeration and repair, commercial; operates two large ice crushers on 10-wheeler trucks that crush 300 pounds ice in six seconds and blow same on top of vegetable loads.

2. Willie Jean McGauhy — md 1961 — div 1962.

Kenneth Warkentin, XII, Farmer, Mechanic, welder, 1S, Grain, UC, Lions, Boys' Hockey Coach, b&w, Eng.

Harvey Peter Warkentin, XII, 3 yrs Electronics, Certified Engineering Tech'ist, Petroleum Technician. Owns: Centennial Petro Technical Services Ltd., Harvie Instruments Ltd., UC, Elder, choir, Council member, Cer'd Eng'g Tech'ists, Hockey Coach, Oilfield Tech'l Soc, Dr: Lions Int'l Band, Optimists Int'l; Game and Fish, Mexico, Malta, Europe, West Coast, House Trailer, b&w, color Sp Dr., Eng.

Bernice Gibbons, XI, Hsekpr, UC, Oilwives Optimists

Frank Loewen, VIII, Utility Clerk, 45, Safeways; Swedenborg, repair el appliances, Datsun camper, b&w

Maria Reddekopp, VIII, hsekpr, 41; BC & Man, knit, RD, WrW, Lo Germ, Eng.

Don Frank Loewen, IX, dr for David Industries; New Church, '66 Dodge St. Wg, Eng.
Alberta Laing, IX, hsekpr, music, b&w, RD, AW

Doreen Loewen, XI, hsekpr, New Ch, reading, BC, b&w, 3 novels, Eng.
Terrance Polutnik, VIII, BC Hydro, Anglican, curling, Buick, SD, Eng.

Loretta Mae Loewen, XII, hsekpr, cooking, New Ch, '68 Chrysler, b&w
1. Joe Voos, IX, sailor, AW, Eng.

2. Llod Latimer, IX, dr for Imperial Oil

David Loewen, VIII, New Ch, BC, Eng, '66 Baracuda, b&w
Marie Sloane, IX, hsekpr, UC, BC, AW, Eng.

Garry Loewen, XII, Safeway, New Ch, clerk, golf, '69 Chevelle, b&w, Eng.
Hild Zeeb, IX, German Brethern, AW, Chat, Eng.

Sadie Loewen, X, hsekpr, Safflo canner CVO, 13; GC, '62 Chev, Lo Germ.
Henry Epp, X, make Food Flavors & ointments, Altona councillor, mgr GC, CU, 3; b&w, WT

Beverly Epp, VIII, Hydro, 7; UC, '65 Chev, Lo Germ.
Susan Reimer, VIII, hsekpr, UC, SS teacher, bowling, b&w, FP

Howard Epp, X, install air conditioning & stainless equip't, UC, '65 Pontiac, b&w
Evelyn Funk, X, hsekpr, pt time clerk, at T. Eaton Co., Tribune, Lo Germ.

Lois Marilyn Epp, XII, hsekpr, UC, ceramics, curling, sewing, Tribune, Eng.
David Bruce Zilke, XII, Hydro mgr at White Mouth, UC, '71 Chev Camper, b&w, Eng.



William Hespeler

William Hespeler's tour of Russia's Mennonite Colonies paid off well. Between 1874 and 1876 a total of 7,741 Mennonites emigrated to Canada's Prairies settling on some 17 townships in the Steinbach-Gretna-Altona-Winkler districts and bringing with them \$591,000 in cash. Not only did his efforts result in a major influx of good settlers, but these immigrants were the first to settle away from rivers, forests and lakes. They introduced a system of summerfallowing suited to western Canada's somewhat arid conditions, and they planted massive shelterbelts to protect

their homesteads and villages.

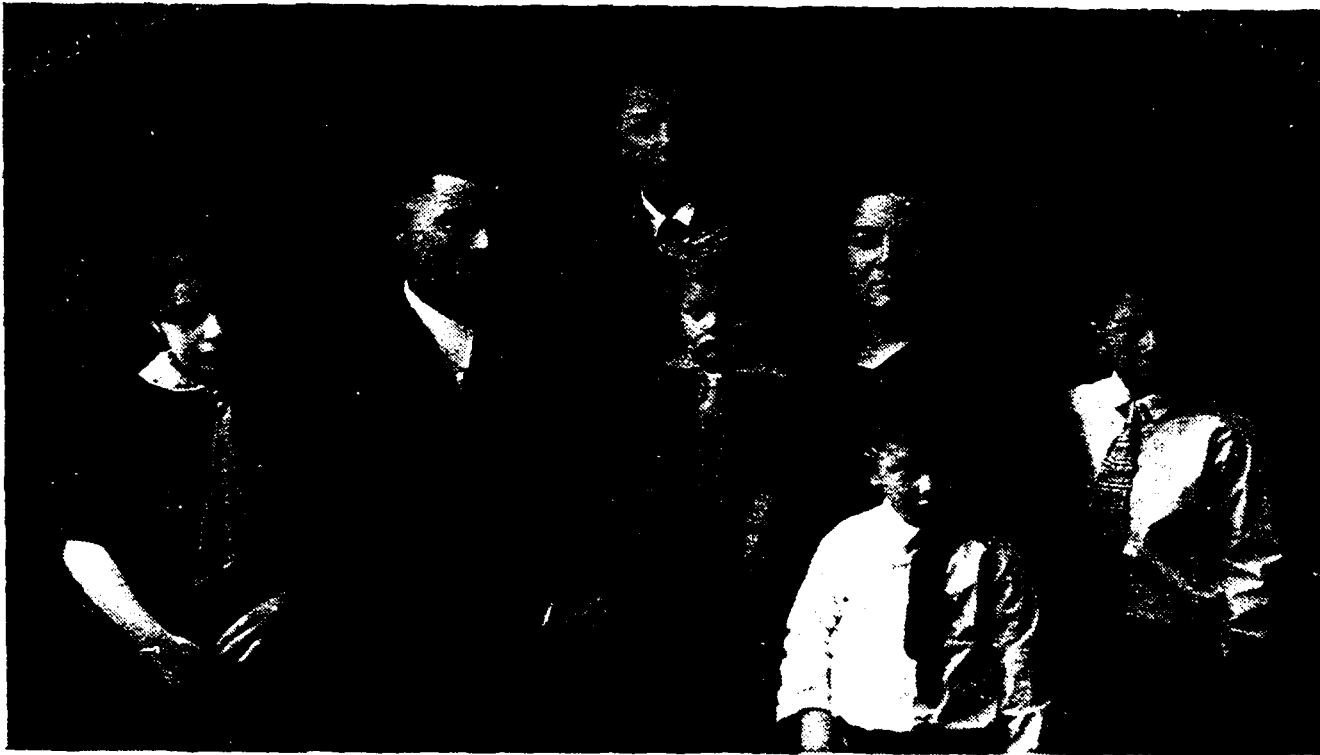
Hespeler was a man of many parts. John A. Macdonald appointed him as Commissioner of Immigration and Agriculture. Ten years later Hespeler was appointed German Consul for Manitoba and the Northwest Territories. A Lutheran by faith, he lived in Winnipeg for 50 years. He was independent of mind and had strong conservative leanings.

Hespeler took an active part in the Manitoba business world. He was a Winnipeg Alderman, he was the M.L.A. for the Rosenfeld constituency and he served as the speaker of the Manitoba Legislature for 4 sessions. He was the president of Winnipeg General Hospital for 15 years. In 1879 he helped examine 36 teachers for certification to teach in southern Manitoba.

The Hon. Wm. Hespeler died at his son's home in Vancouver in 1921. His remains, brought to Winnipeg, are buried in St. John's Cemetery.

The village of Niverville was briefly called Hespeler and a short avenue that crosses Redwood bridge served as a reminder to Winnipeggers that Wm. Hespeler once passed this way.

Dr. Peter Lorenz Neufeld,
The Winnipeg Tribune Nov. 11,
1972, Page 18



Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Dyck and their five children.

Our mother, Helena Dyck, was born to Cornelius and Mary (Braun) Warkentin in the Village of Kronsfeld on August First, 1890. In Kronsfeld and at Gruenfeld mother attended a German school until Grandfather Warkentin died in 1901. The family farm was then sold and grandmother with her two daughters and five sons moved to the Village of Osterwick so as to be near her parents, the Jakob Brauns. A widow's life in those days was a hard life and two years later grandma married Mr. Franz Loewen who took his new family to Glencross. The Loewen farm was a stoney farm. This meant many weary days clearing boulders from the land for the Warkentin boys.

Grandfather Loewen passed away in 1919, but by now the boys could carry on by themselves and the family stayed together until 1922 when grandma married Mr. Peter Buhr. In the fall of that year the newly-wed Buhrs moved to Altona and Uncle Cornelius Warkentin took over the farm.



Likely the first Motorcycle Club in Southern Manitoba. Mr. J. E. Dyck is in the middle position.



John and Muriel Warkentine and Edward.



The same family plus ten grandchildren and some gray hair.

There were no fancy office jobs in air conditioned surroundings for country girls when our mother grew up in Glencross. Like her cousins and neighborhood friends she had her years as a housemaid but on August 4, 1912, she became self-employed when she married Jacob E. Dyck, younger son of Isaac Dyck of Winkler.

Dad obtained his early education in Winkler and upon completing his grade 8, he accepted a teaching position in St. Peters, a rural school north of Rosenfeld. This was the beginning of years of doing double duty, teaching during the day and studying at night so that after two more years at Schanzenfeld and at Wakeham he obtained his Grade Ten standing in 1910. This enabled him to attend the Morden Normal School that same year so that at summer's end that year he was the happy recipient of a Third Class teaching certificate, good in any rural school in Manitoba.

Our father made a very important move in 1911 when he accepted a call to Glencross. During the four years in this idyllic setting along the Pembina Hills, he met and married our mother in 1912. After the four happy years in Glencross, our parents moved to Burwalde where father had another four fruitful years. This took him into the W.W. I years. Things were now stirring even in the placid Mennonite communities.

Make yourself an honest man, and then you may be sure that there is one rascal less in the world. — Carlyle.



Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Warkentin. Arthur and Mary and four grandchildren.

To take advantage of the building activity that followed this war, dad firstly, but briefly, went out as a carpenter with Mr. John Demke. That was the time when many of the private village schools were being reorganized into public schools by the provincial Department of Education in southern Manitoba. Dad soon noticed that the real money was in the contracting end of this business. He could figure as well as the best of them. Our parents had already moved to Winkler; they had built their home in town and for five years Dad capitalized on this building boom. By 1924 this conversion of private into public schools was pretty well completed, the building boom was petering out, and dad returned to his first love.

After a year in Zion, our father made a better move in 1925 when he accepted a call from Greenfarm for we stayed there until 1941. Indeed, it was in Greenfarm that the family grew up. He attended the Provincial Normal School from there in 1926 and thereby earned his Second Class Teachers' Certificate with which he could accept any elementary teaching position in the province.

His last move was to Altona. In Altona he began with Grades 7 and 8, but with the rapid increase in enrolment he was soon appointed as the Grade 8 teacher which position he retained until he called it a year and a day when he resigned in 1962. At that time he had served Altona for 21 years and the children of Manitoba for forty-seven years.

Dad was a thorough teacher and a strong disciplinarian. During his 47 years in the classroom he instilled in his pupils a desire for

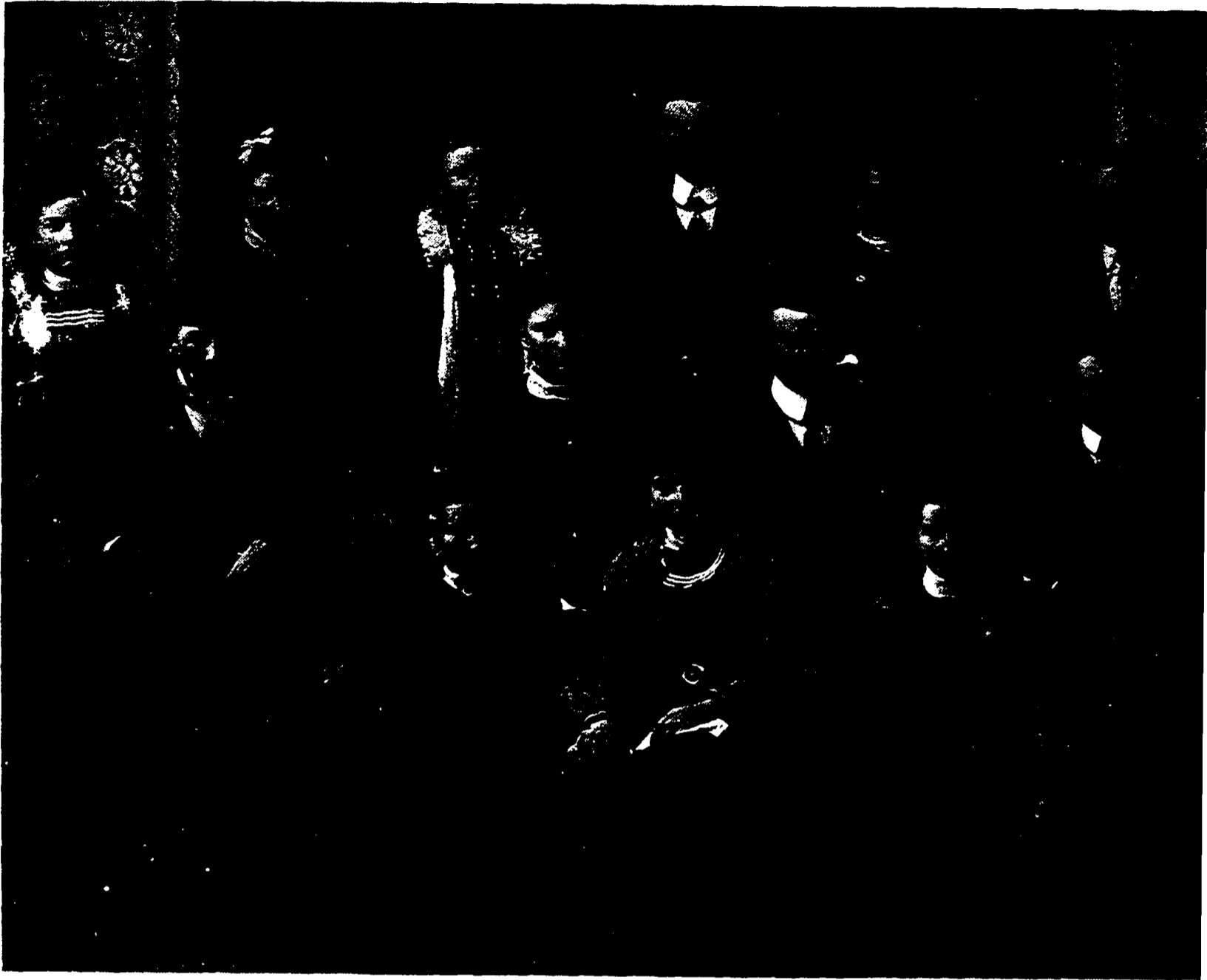


Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Warkentin and their nine children.

knowledge and a great love of singing. In all his schools he organized school choirs in four part harmony.

His love of music manifested itself at an early age when he joined the Winkler Band. He played the clarinet in this band under the direction of Mr. Jacob Loewen during the time that he taught in Schanzenfeld. While teaching in Wakeham and in Glencross he played in the Morden Band under the leadership of Mr. J. R. Homer. During the sixteen years that he was in Greenfarm he organized the Farmers' Band and many a young person was introduced to and was given a taste for fine music in this band. At this time he also directed the Winkler Band for a short time. Finally, in Altona he organized the town band and there were few public occasions indeed where the Altona Town Band did not entertain creditably under his baton. Instruments at that time, of course, were available at bargain prices such as four dollars for a used trumpet. To this day, many men in both Greenfarm and in Altona and district recall the many hours of enjoyment that they had as members of Dad's bands.

It probably all sounds quite simple and easy when told in this matter-of-fact way. That it required hard work and plenty of application, however, is shown by the fact that Dad actually tried to master the violin. This he gave up. However, he did learn to play the Hawaiian guitar. How well I remember Dad teaming up with Mr. David Enns,



Mostly third generation members of the Braun family. Back row, l-r: Mrs. Helena (Warkentin) Dyck, Mrs. Ten (Hoeppner) Dyck, Mrs. Mary (Warkentin) Johnson, Peter Hoeppner, Mrs. Lizzie (Braun) Martens, Fritz Wesshler. Middle row, l-r: Isaac Fehr, Anna (Braun) Fehr, Jacob Hoeppner, Jacob Weehler. Front row, l-r: Mary (Braun) Epp, Lizzie (Hoeppner) Fehr, Mary (Hoeppner) Wiebe.

our next door neighbor in Winkler and with Mr. William C. Enns, also of Winkler, and both Hawaiian guitar enthusiasts. I particularly remember Dad and Mr. Enns sitting on either side of the dividing fence between our yards, on a summer's evening and enjoying themselves making music while we kids either sat and listened or gambolled and frolicked about on the lawn.

Dad and mother were members of the Bergthaler Church and while Dad had deep religious convictions he was not in the habit of constantly proclaiming his faith publicly. He served by example rather than by word of mouth.

My father loved working with wood. From his carpentering days he had kept a good set of tools. He found much joy in building homes



Ella Mae Neumiller and Edna Johnson

and in practising his hobby. His wood inlay pictures adorn the walls of the homes of all his children.

Dad did love gardening. He had apparently inherited a genuine love for fruit trees. These he planted wherever he and mother made their home. He had planted two apricot trees on their Altona yard. I believe they are still there and they may well be the only apricot trees growing in southern Manitoba.

Like most young men in those early days my father had a bicycle. He used it in Winnipeg while he worked for the Avery Machine Company during the 1907 to 1910 summers and while teaching at St. Peters. When motorcycles were the in-thing during the 1910-20 decade,

Dad bought an Indian Twin bike. This was their means of conveyance that Mother and Dad used during their early married years. Next came the Model T. How well we remember the many outings in this limousine, especially the extended trip to visit Aunt Mary, Mrs. John J. Johnson, of Woodworth, North Dakota. The Model A followed. The Falcon completed the Ford line for Dad. For him the Fords were tops.

Most of the mechanical failures that occurred he was able to repair himself. However, there were few failures on his cars for he aimed to keep them in top condition. Generally he had his cars that way.

— Peter Dyck,
Box 548,
Morris, Man.

1583 - 8th St.,
Mendota, California,
May 8, 1972.

Dear Peter,

You are persistent. You will get the history of these black sheep.

I do not remember my Dad. I have wet many a pillow with tears wishing I could have learned to know him and that I might have had the advice and instruction fathers have for their sons. With Uncle John I could converse providing we were alone. He had plenty of good advice. I always used him and Uncle Jacob Warkentin for information.

I left Manitoba in 1923. Arrived here, all I could see ahead for me was pick and shovel work. I enrolled in the Central California Commercial College and after two years was graduated with their diploma.

Yes, I have been in many different occupations including the cattle business, grain growing, bookkeeping, and I was even in the bee business. How sweet the orange blossom honey really is! It's a treat. But I actually started here as a truck driver, for that is what they were looking for when I hit town. When they were looking for a carpenter to build a boxing platform for the veterans of foreign wars, I took the job although I had never built any such contraption. Well, all I had to do was to manage the crew that was doing the job. It had to be built in three sections so that it could be taken in and out of the building. The completed product served its purpose and thereby surprised me no end. That taught me to be enterprising and courageous.

No, I do not think I should reveal my whole life's history. That would cover too much. You mention that you have been told that I drive a Cadillac. Well, I do but that seems like nothing to-day. At that time I had to have it to stand in my garage. My work at the time was so steady that I had little time to drive it. I was the office manager of a 4500-acre melon ranch where we employed 30 people the year round. During the melon season there were an extra hundred plus about 80 in the shed. We shipped out up to 30 carloads of melons a day to customers across the United States and Canada. The shed staff was paid every week and the ranch hands bi-monthly. I made out the payroll, did the selling, the billing. Many a time I have sat in that office from 6 AM until 2 AM next day.

Add to this all the telegrams and telephone calls. The first day was easy but after a week's running we would have over 200 cars on track. Records had to be kept of sales and credit given when accounts were paid. More office staff would help? Not at all. Experienced help you cannot get and green help you have to spend your time watching and correcting. So I always told the boss when a mistake is made, when you

come into the office "You are looking at the one who made it sitting there like a wart on a log." The melon season lasts about three months and when the end came, I just had to leave town for I did not want to see anyone. If I stayed at home on the job calls would come from all over so that I could tell the temperature of every major city on the continent.

My boy Edward is a very "tasty" cook and he prepares wholesome fare on which we are thriving well. We are pals. He looks for no gratuities from me but tells me "You made yours and I'll make mine."

Well, my 800-acre wheat field was a picture to behold while it was in bloom, but then the rust came. That was good-bye. Thirty years ago I built a large service station. It was better than stocks and bonds. The bottom falls out of the latter too easily. But I sold the service station. This I should not have done, but then I thought, who ever left me anything? He must learn to do his thing himself.

I was sorry to hear about you losing your last brother. I have passed through Herbert many times and I did meet him and I am glad to have had the pleasure of talking to him. I think he probably did not remember me. More recently I did not stop in to see him and for this neglect I am sorry now. I do not have any relatives around me here at all.

Next year it will be fifty years that I left Manitoba looking for that pot of gold over the horizon. I have found no thrill in doing things that any one can do. There is a good deal of satisfaction that is sweet to take when one has reached a destination you never thought you would make. I have not sat down to wail and whimper even though I thought I was stuck. You are not helpless if you still have your pluck.

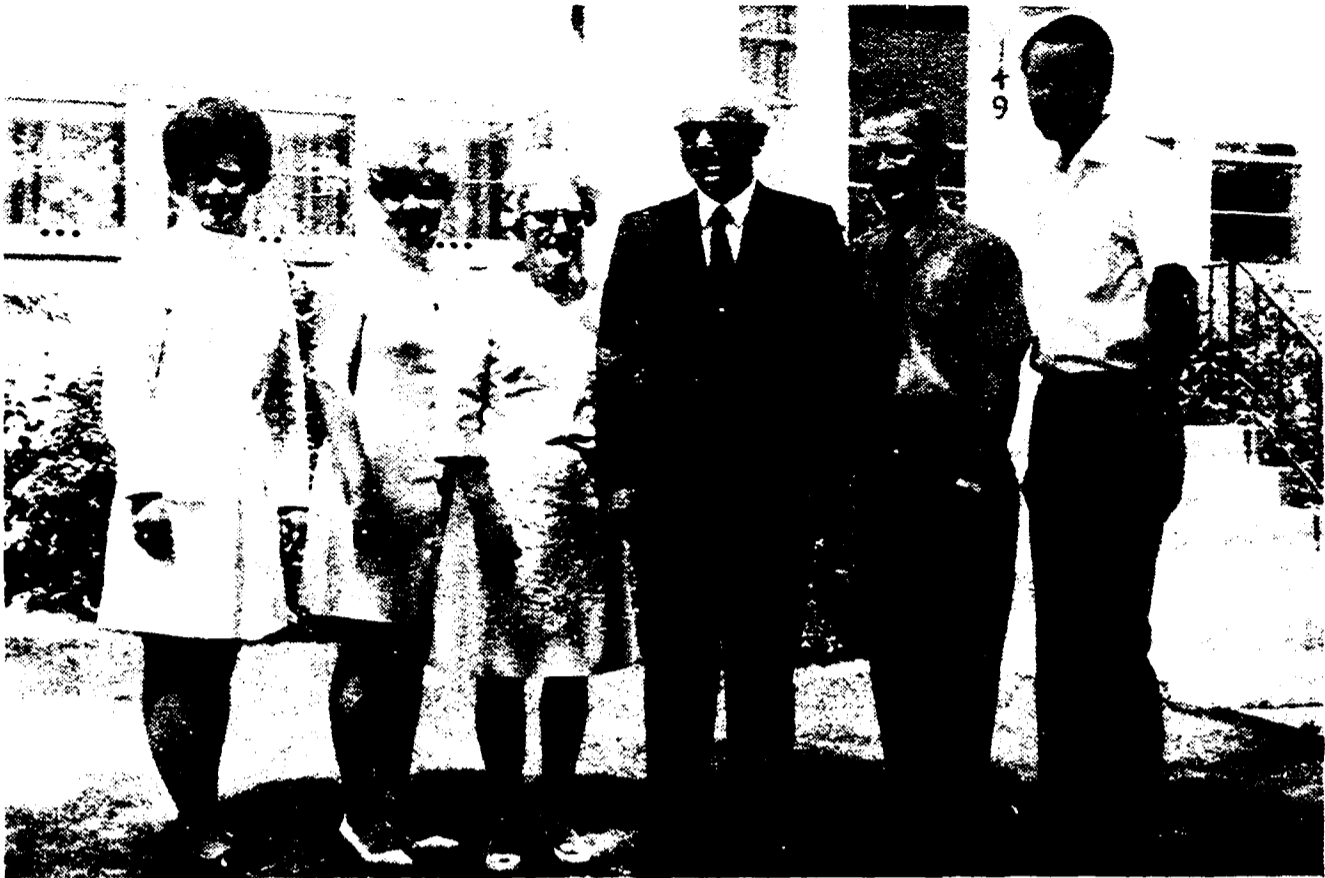
I agree with the writer who wrote: If you have roses, Bless your soul, Just pin one in my button hole. But do this while I am at my best, instead of when I am safe at rest.

In my opinion, the hardest job I have had here was being the Honourable Judge J. Warkentine and have young people, the government of tomorrow, come before me. This often made my heart bleed as I would recall the words "Judge not lest you be judged." I would then go easy on them hoping that by talking to them, even if I could start only 25% of them on the right track, I had done a good job.

To repeat what I said above, and thinking of my own past, I am not ashamed to admit that I have shed many hot tears as with the years my priorities have changed.

To close, I cannot but admire you for the job you have undertaken. Personally I hate to pick up a pencil and I despise book-work even more.

Sincerely yours,
John Warkentine.



Mr. and Mrs. David Stobbe and Family.

Box 211, Linden, Alta.,
March 18, 1971.

Peter Brown,
Winnipeg.

Dear Cousin,

I was real thrilled to hear from you. The thought of a family register has come into my thinking a good many times. . . . My trouble is that I know so little about my Braun grandparents. I am sure if I do not get some information and note it down, my children will not know the first thing about their ancestry. Consequently any information you can give me would be greatly appreciated.

My sister and I are occupied with the task of writing a history of the community in which we were raised. This is a task of colossal proportions, and it is taking a lot of time. Incidentally my sister and I are the only ones left of a family of ten.

It is not going to be difficult to obtain the necessary data to fill in our part of the family tree. It will, of course, take considerable time.

I wonder if you know that my father filed on a homestead in my grandfather's name which was Jacob Braun and one in his own name which was the same. Also my brother Jacob took a homestead all in the same section. In my thinking that is somewhat of a coincidence that the grandfather, the father and the son should all be connected in this way.

I wish you success in your undertaking. Please write again when convenient.

I remain,

Your cousin,
Isaac Brown.



Ronald and Ava (Loewen) Friesen.

**CHAPTER XI
THE JACOB WARKENTIN FAMILY**

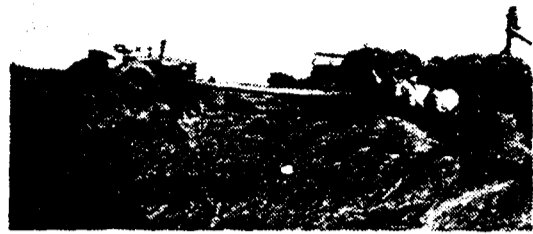


Here Jacob, Mary, Helen, Katherine and Sara Warkentin, at tender ages, are flanked by their parents, Jacob and Anna (Braun) Warkentin about 1905.

Twenty (?) years later the parents have aged, another four children have been born; Jacob has married Mary Dyck and Annie, who had not arrived for the top picture, has already married John Thiessen.



The John R. Thiesen home in Salem,
Oregon.



John J. Warkentin's threshing outfit.



This is the parental family picture of the two Warkentins who married into the Braun family. Jacob Warkentin is at the *upper left* and Helena could be one of the two girls in front. Rev. John Warkentin is the second from the right in the top row.

THIS INDENTURE made (in duplicate) the *fourteenth*
day of *March* one thousand eight hundred and *ninety-three*.

BETWEEN THE LONDON AND ONTARIO INVESTMENT COMPANY,

LIMITED, hereinafter called "the Company" of
the First Part.

A-1-D

JACOB WARKENTIN of the Municipality of Rhine-
land in the Province of Manitoba, Farmer, here-
inafter called the Grantee of the second part

WITNESSETH that in consideration of Nine hundred
dollars of lawful money of Canada now paid by the said Grantee
to the said Company (the receipt whereof is hereby acknow-
ledged) the said Company DO GRANT unto the said Grantee his
heirs and assigns for ever ALL that certain parcel of land
situate in the said Province of Manitoba and being composed
of the South West quarter of section six (6) township
one (1) range four (4) West of the Principal Meridian TO HOLD
unto the said Grantee his heirs and assigns TO use for his
and their sole and only use for ever SUBJECT to taxes (if any)
unpaid thereon.

IT IS agreed that these presents shall not nor shall anything
herein contained be deemed to imply any covenant on the part
of the said Company.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the said parties have
herunto set their Corporate seal and hand and seal.

S E A L E D A N D D E L I V E R E D THE LONDON AND ONTARIO
INVESTMENT COMPANY, Limited.

and countersigned by *the*

Mark Smith President
in the presence of *Mark Smith*
W. Head President

This 72-year-old document represents important Warkentin family history. It is deservedly well preserved by Peter Warkentin who made it available for this study.

This Agreement made in duplicate this Twenty first
day of March A. D. 1900.

Between

Charles Frederick Beckels, of Township One,
Range Five, West, in the Province of Manitoba, Farmer

hereinafter called the Vendor,

of the First Part

AND

Jacob J. Warkenton, of Township One, Range
Five, West, as aforesaid, Farmer

hereinafter called the Purchaser,

of the Second Part.

Witnesseth as follows:

1. The Vendor agree to sell to the Purchaser, who agree to purchase **All and Singular** that certain parcel or tract of land and premises situate, lying and being in the Province of Manitoba, and being composed of

The North half of Section Twelve (12), in Township One
(1) Range Five, West of the Principal Meridian
in the Province of Manitoba, containing by actual meas-
urement three hundred and twenty acres, more or
less.

at and for the price or sum of

Dollars in gold, or its equivalent, to be paid to the Vendor at

the Village of Garden
in the Province of Manitoba as follows

Five Hundred dollars (\$500) in Cash, the receipt of which
is hereby acknowledged

Two Thousand five hundred dollars on the Twentieth day
of November A.D. 1900.

And the balance of Three Thousand Dollars to be secured
by first mortgage on the said premises, payable as
hereafter stated.

you have a mortgage for \$3000 payable in five
 years with the privilege of repaying any time during
 the said term provided the same be not less than \$200 ^x/₁₀₀
 and must be in multiples of 100 - Interest on said
 mortgage to be at the rate of seven and one half per
 cent per annum

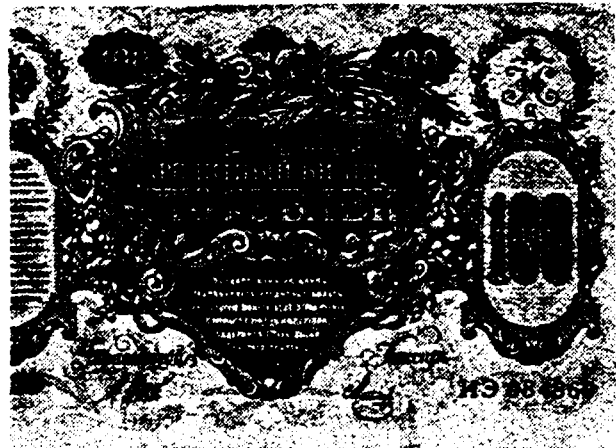
The said Dec. has grown upon the said premises are not
 to be cut down until all services now owing are paid
 on said premises are fully paid and satisfied.

In Witness Whereof the parties hereto have hereunto set their hands and seals the day and year first
 above written.

Signed, Sealed and Delivered

In the presence of

Charles F. Heckels
 Jacob J. Workentin
 Alvinas Saffield



100 roubles or kopecks? Any bids?



A common threshing-time scene on the Red River flat-lands a few generations ago.

THE HELENA BRAUN & JACOB WARKENTIN FAMILY REGISTER

<p>3rd gen. Jacob Warkentin Mary Dyck</p>	<p>Born-Died 1895- 1897-</p>		<p>5th gen. Barbara Warkentin Lorne Pierce Brian Warkentin Donna Warkentin</p>	<p>Born-Died 1944- 1945- 1946- 1952-</p>	<p>6th gen. Edwin Pierce Debbie Pierce</p>	<p>Born-Died 1968- 1970-</p>
<p>4th gen. Jacob Warkentin Eunice Bower</p>	<p>Born-Died 1918- 1920-</p>	}				
<p>Corn. Warkentin Gertrude Cook</p>	<p>1921- 1922-</p>	}	<p>Karen Warkentin David Warkentin</p>	<p>1954- 1959-</p>		
<p>John Warkentin Marjorie Russell</p>	<p>1923- 1921-</p>	}	<p>Louise Warkentin Robert Brett Eric Warkentin Lois Jennings Judith Warkentin Robert Barlow Peter Warkentin Andrew Warkentin Paul Warkentin Edward Warkentin</p>	<p>1946- 1944- 1947- 1946- 1950- 1950- 1952- 1952- 1954- 1958-</p>	<p>Elileen Brett Wendy Brett Julie Warkentin</p>	<p>1969- 1970- 1970-</p>
<p>Peter Warkentin Evelyn Staten</p>	<p>1925- 1924-</p>	}	<p>Gloria Warkentin</p>			
<p>Doris Warkentin Bernard Reed</p>	<p>1926- 1921-</p>	}	<p>Ruth Fern Reed Peter Kikkert Daniel Reed James Reed</p>	<p>1948- 1950- 1959-</p>	<p>Susan Kikkert</p>	<p>1970-</p>
<p>George Warkentin Gail Robbin</p>	<p>1932- 1933-</p>	}	<p>Katherine Warkentin Cynthia Warkentin</p>	<p>1961- 1963-</p>		
<p>Mary Warkentin 1898- Leonard Neuman 1898-1969</p>						
<p>Leonard Neuman Lorna Look</p>	<p>1932- 1938-</p>	}	<p>Leonard Neuman Richard Neuman Kevin Neuman</p>	<p>1961- 1962- 1968-</p>		
<p>Edgar Neuman Gail Takeda</p>	<p>1935- 1941-</p>	}	<p>Edgar Neuman Kurt Neuman Stuart Neuman</p>	<p>1963- 1965- 1967-</p>		
<p>Jacob Ken Neuman Doreen Evans</p>	<p>1936-</p>	}	<p>Dwane Neuman</p>	<p>1959-</p>		
<p>Mary Neuman Edward Maxwell</p>	<p>1939- 1937-</p>	}	<p>Lisa Maxwell Allan Maxwell</p>	<p>1962- 1963-</p>		
<p>Helen Warkentin 1900-1965 Katherine Warkentin 1902- Gustav Heinrichs 1902-</p>						
<p>Delbert Heinrichs Inez Nachtigal</p>	<p>1932- 1935-</p>	}	<p>Debra Heinrichs Joel Heinrichs</p>	<p>1961- 1964-</p>		
<p>Elvis Heinrichs Nancy Hunt</p>	<p>1940- 1942-</p>	}	<p>Shawn Heinrichs Kristin Heinrichs Wendolyn Heinrichs</p>	<p>1964- 1968- 1970-</p>		

3rd gen.	Born-Died			
Sadie Warkentin	1904-			
Arthur Loeppky	1906-			
4th gen.	Born-Died	5th gen.	Born-Died	
Reginald Loeppky	1935-	} Janet Loeppky	1964-	
Patricia King	1940-		Michael Loeppky	1965-1965
			Ronald Loeppky	1966-
Ken Loeppky	1939-	} Bradley Loeppky	1962-	
Joan Erickson	1940-		Nancy Loeppky	1964-
			Steven Loeppky	1967-
Annie Warkentin	1906-			
John Thiessen	1906-			
Donald Thiessen	1927-	} Ken Thiessen	1958-	
Elizabeth McIntyre	1930-		Elizabeth Thiessen	1960-
			Melinda Thiessen	1962-
Allen Thiessen	1931-			
Betty Sue Dobyms	1935-			
Myrna Thiessen	1938-			
Patricia Thiessen	1948-			
Dennis Schneider	1946-			
John Warkentin	1909-			
Mary Friesen	1911-			
Leona Warkentin	1937-	} Cameron Dyck	1965-	
Abe Dyck	1937-		Sheldon Dyck	1969-
Doreen Warkentin	1940-	} Kim Schmidt	1961-	
Earl Schmidt	1935-		Janice Schmidt	1965-
			Corina Schmidt	1966-
Peter Warkentin	1911-			
Sarah Elias	1918-			
Irene Warkentin	1947-			
Kenneth Warkentin	1950-			
Alan Warkentin	1953-			
Richard Warkentin	1955-			
Luella Warkentin	1960-			
Susie Warkentin	1911-			
Rev Henry Redekopp	1905-			
Dennis Redekopp	1944-			

14765-56th St., Surrey, B.C.

Dear Cousin Peter,

. . . I'm not going to tell you the story of my life. . . . We had our struggles . . . in wheat farming and in mink farming . . . that is life. . . . You learn to live with it. . . . I am able to enjoy life again and am busy with things I had no time for before.

With kindest regards,
Mary Neuman.

THE JACOB WARKENTIN BIOGRAPHIES

Helen Braun, hsekpr, 60; GC, Lo Germ.
Jacob Warkentin, Farmer, mixed, 3/4S, 50; GC, Ford, Lo Germ.

Jacob Warkentin, VIII; steel worker 20, Gardner, hockey, Chevelle, Time
Mary Dyck, VIII; hsekpr, Star Weekly, AW

Jacob Warkentin, XII; Sr Mg't consul't, Sr bd Pent'l ch, photo'y, golf, music; Nat'l Geog'ic,
Time, '71 Javelin, Life
Eunice Bower, XII, Steno, Pent'l Women's Club, AW, Europe, Calif.

Barbara Warkentin, XII, Clerk, Insur, AW, Time
Lorne Pierce, XII, Electrician, Photo'y, boating, Rebel

Brian Warkentin, XII, electronics service, model racing
Florence Porcher, typist

Donna Warkentin, X, receptionist — hospital, Mazda
Karen Warkentin, X, nurse

Corn. Warkentin, XII, BSc, CE, fishing, Pontiac, Time
Gertrude Cook, XII, RN, AW

John Edwin Warkentin, XII, 2nd yr U, electronic Instr, Studebaker
Marjorie Russell, XII, U instr, Datsun, AW

Norma Warkentin, XII, Sec, WrW
Robert Brett, XII, Mgr bus, ad'n, Nova

Eric Warkentin, XII, salesman — oils, '70 Plymouth
Lois Jennings, XII, Steno, AW

Judith Warkentin, XII, Steno, hospital, Calif.
Robert Barlow, XII, U student

Peter David Warkentin, XII, U student, Pontiac
Andrew Warkentin, clerk, hdwe, Datsun
Doris Warkentin, XII, Medical steno, AW
Peter Warkentin, XII, airforce, captain, Pontiac, Europe
Evyline Staten, X, clerk, mdse, AW

Gloria Warkentin, XII, teaching, Toyota

Doris Dawn Warkentin, XII, steno — hospital, flowers, Cortina, WC
Benjamin Reed, XII, realtor, Mercury, US

Ruth Reed, XII, receptionist, AW, NW Terr.
Peter Kikkert, CA, swimming, Baracuda

Daniel Reed, XII, press reporter

Reginald Warkentin, XII, Can Army 2nd TD Lt, fishing, Buick
Gail Robbin, clerk, AW

Gustave Heinrichs, AB, teacher, photographer, upholsterer, recreation supervisor, Bethesda Menn.
'69 Chev, color, Nat'l Geogr'c, Newsweek, Mid-NA
Katherine Warkentin, VI, hsekpr, Bethesda Menn, travel & fishing

Delbert Heinrichs, BS, auto dealer, insurance adjuster, assist't mail carrier, Calif, Bethesda
Menn., antiques, '72 Chev, b&w, hunting
Inez Nachtigal, hsekpr, postal clerk, Bethesda Menn, '70 VW, b&w, Hong Kong, India

Elvis Heinrichs, BS, MS, PhD; Entomology Prof in India under US Aid, for U of Tenn, Berean
Fundamental, swimming
Nancy Hunt, hsekpr, music teacher, Berean Fundamental, music

Sadie Warkentin, hsekpr, Nazarene
Art Loeppky, cabinet maker 30; color, car & plane

Reginal Loeppky, accounting
Patricia King, Lab technician

Kenneth Loepky, Water survey, Northern Affairs Dept, Federal Gov't.
Joan Erickson, Hsekpr.

Annie Warkentin, hsekpr, Evangelical, b&w, Go south for winter
John Thiessen, Auto mechanic, Cadillac, GMC truck & camper

Don John Thiessen, pharmacist, Buick, color
Elizabeth McIntyre, hsekpr, Presbyterian

Allen Thiessen, shipping supervisor, bowling, Buick
Betty Dobyns, bkpg, auto; hsekpr, Rambler

Myrna Thiessen, Calif.

Patricia Thiessen, Sec, '68 MGB, b&w
Dennis Schneider, psychiatric aide — student

John Warkentin, VI, farmer, grain, 1/4S, GC, '66 Dodge, SDr, Lo Germ.
Mary Friesen, VIII, hsekpr, GC

Leona Warkentin, XII, 1st yr U, teacher, hsekpr, Eng, '69 Chev, b&w, AW
Abe Dyck, XII, BA, social services, '70 Toyota, Eng.

Doreen Warkentin, XI, hsekpr, GC, b&w, AW, Eng.
Earl Schmidt, XII, salesman, GC, '70 Dodge, Eng.

Peter Warkentin, VII, farmer, mixed 1/2S, GC, '66 Ford, b&w
Sarah Elias, VII, hsekpr, GC, grow cacti, FPW, Echo, CG, Calif, Mexico, Neb, Arizona

Irene Warkentin, XII, 2 yrs U, teaching, GC, b&w, Black Hills, FP, daily
Frank Kehler, XII, teaching, '68 Chev Impala, Carillon News

Ken Warkentin, XII, T. Eaton's, Winkler Mental Health Centre; GC, '66 Pontiac, '62 Ford, FP,
Financial Post

Alan Warkentin, XII, farming at home, Calif, BC, RD, PEI, Mechanix II.

Richard Warkentin, XI, stamp collecting, Calif, BC.

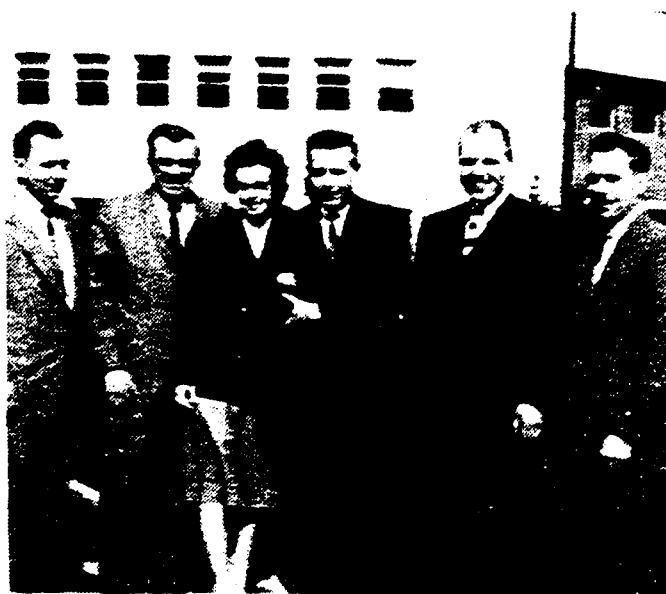
Luella Warkentin, VI, piano playing, BC, Neb.



Standing, l-r: Mary (W) Neuman, Anne (Loewen) Stobbe, Mary (Dyck) Warkentin,
J. B. Warkentin, Annie (W) Thiessen, Sadie (W) Loepky, Katherine (W) Heinrichs,
Helen Warkentin, P. Reg. Browne, Helen (Braun) Redekopp, George I. Brown.



Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Warkentin.



L to r: Edwin, Jake, Doris, Reginald, Cornelius and Peter Warkentin.



Standing, l to r: George Warkentine, John Warkentine, John Brown. Seated: Peter Brown, Corn. Warkentin, J. B. Warkentin.



All there!



Mr. P. G. Brown and the girls.



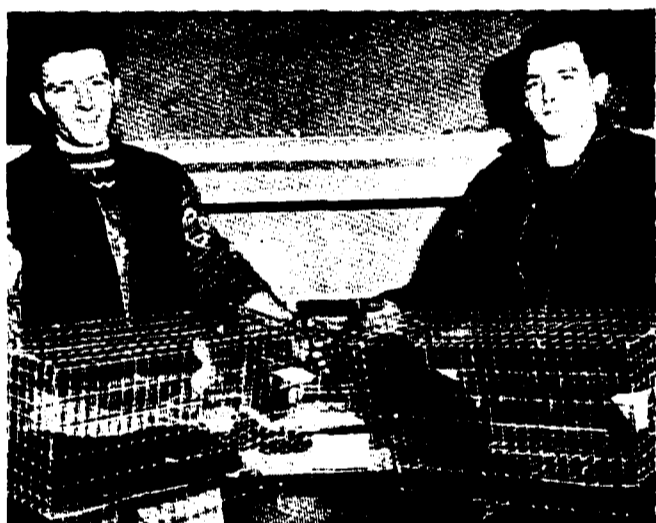
The Haskett School 1918-1919.



Mary and Leonard Neuman.



L. Dempsey Neuman.



Edgar and Jake Neuman with their champion and reserve champion mink in the Gunmetal Class. L. Neuman also won the Henry Hickey Memorial Trophy.



Alice (Neuman) Baer

November 20, 1971

Dear Browns,

I am returning the information sheet and some pictures. They are not just too up-to-date. . . . We had a good time in Saskatchewan at the Doell reunion. There were around a thousand present and it lasted three days. . . . We had a good trip home only I got sick and had to go to the hospital . . . with gall bladder trouble. . . . We have had the best fall weather we could wish for with temperatures around the sixties and seventies.

Gus and Kay Heinrichs.



CFAM studio building, Altona.



Johann and Aganetha (Braun) Doell with John, Isaac and George.



The Peter Doells with Abram and Hulda.



Abraham C. and Anna Heinrichs with their family. Gus is the second from the right in the top row.

Box 306, Henderson,
Nebraska, USA,
May 10, 1971.

Dear Cousins,

I am glad to hear that you are planning on a Braun family reunion. That is a thing we sort of had in mind to get into this summer after we get to Manitoba. It will suit us fine as it comes a day after the wedding of Irene Warkentin. We know the Rev. David Braun but we cannot quite place the John Warkentin that is to chair the service. Nevertheless it sounds like a good idea.

We had a letter from Elvis and his family in India. They say that they have been in Taiwan and Hong Kong during their vacation. School will close on the 21st of May and then we plan to go to Minnesota for a few days to do some fishing and visiting. I'll plan to see you all at the reunion.

The Heinrichs.
May 23, '72
Henderson 68371.

Mr. Brown,

I wish I could get a copy of the tape that was made during the programme at the Reunion last August 1st. I have a good one of the afternoon programme, especially the part where Mrs. J. E. Dyck and Mr. J. C. Warkentin explained it in German.

Grandfather and Grandmother and their eldest three sons came to Canada in 1875 and settled at Schanzenfeld near Winkler, Manitoba. Here they lived one year and then moved to Nebraska and settled in Hamilton County. They later moved to Henderson, Nebraska.

We are planning to be in Manitoba after 26th of May to get to Winnipeg to pick up our family book which I hope you have reserved for us. We plan to attend the wedding of Ken Warkentin and Linda Gerbrandt on the 2nd of June.

G. A. Heinrichs.
January 13, 1972.

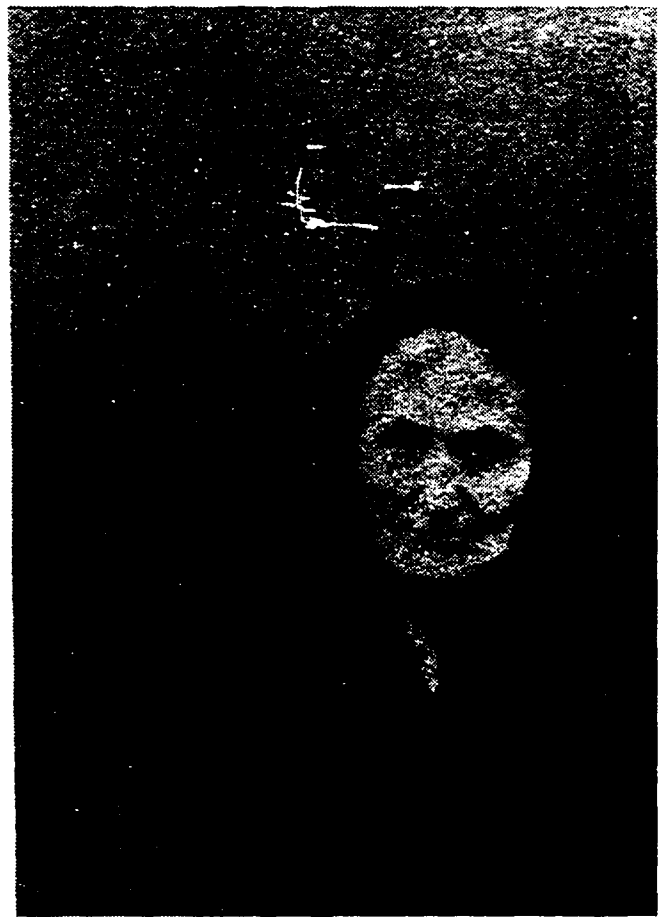
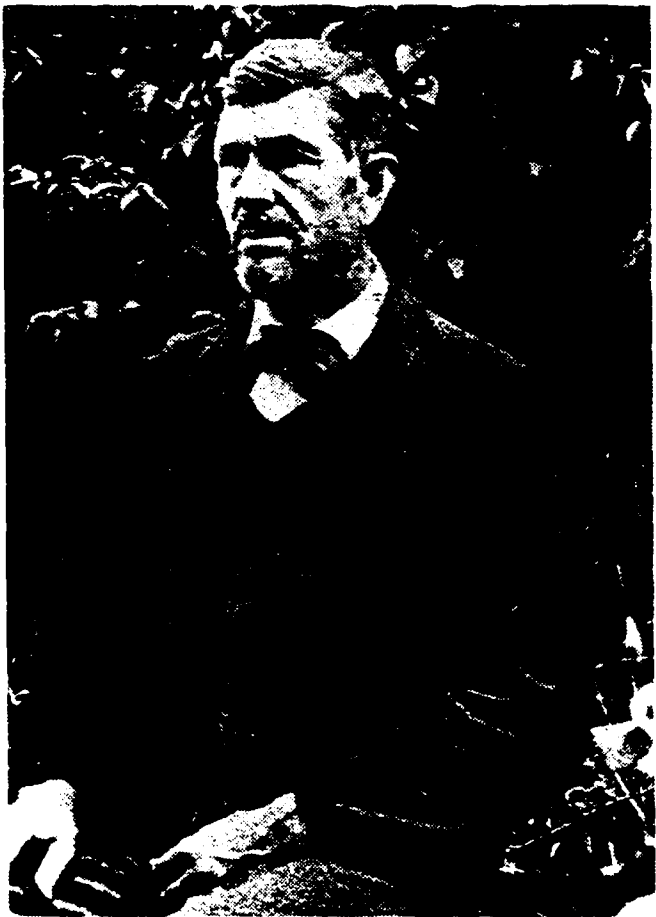
Dear Peter,

It looks like we have lost one set of great-grandparents and found another. The picture you sent is definitely of my grandparents, the Doells. The boys are Isaac and George. . . . It all makes sense about the picture marked #1 being the Fast's. My wife's mother had written on the back "These are my grandparents" in pencil. "Jacob Braun" was in ink, so the Fast's must have given the Brauns a picture of themselves. I hope that some way somebody can come up with the right picture of the Brauns, that is the parents of Jacob, Johann and Aganetha Braun, so that we can complete our projects correctly.

Cousin Gus.



Mr. and Mrs. Gus Heinrichs with Delbert and Elvis.



Grandma Braun's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fast.



Gus and Kay



Dr. Elvis Heinrichs



Delbert Heinrichs

CHAPTER XII



The John J. Loewen Family

Standing, l-r: Susan and Diedrich Hoepfner, E. B. Loewen, Justina and Jacob Loewen, Mary J. Loewen, Heinrich Loewen. Seated: John Loewen, John J. and Anna Loewen.



An interior view of Mr. John J. Loewen's Winkler Hardware store. Notice the telephone, the business files, the lamps and the heater.



Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Braun with their youngest daughter Anna.

You can never a greater or lesser dominion win than that over yourself. — Leonardo de Vinci

I find letters from God dropped in the street, and everyone is signed by God's name; and I leave them where they are, for I know that wheresoever I go, Others will punctually come for ever and for ever. — Walt Whitman

Isaac Brown, Linden, relates that Grandma was making quilts from woollen bats on the floor. "I being about three years of age thought that a nice place to gambol about on. For this I was severely reprimanded and sent to find entertainment elsewhere."

THE ANNA BRAUN AND JOHN J. LOEWEN FAMILY

<p>3rd gen. Susanna Loewen Diedrich Hoepfner</p> <p>Maria Loewen Jacob Loewen</p> <p>Jacob Loewen Justina Bergen</p>	<p>Born-Died 1895-1961 1889-1959</p> <p>1896-1899 1899-1899</p> <p>1900-1946 1902-</p>		
<p>4th gen. Loreen Loewen Percy Enns</p> <p>Robert Loewen Doreen Loepky</p> <p>Glen Loewen Myrna Goosen</p> <p>Jeannette Loewen George Huber</p>	<p>Born-Died 1929- 1927-</p> <p>1930- 1932-</p> <p>1935- 1936-</p> <p>1943- 1941-</p>	<p>5th gen. Dolores Enns Jocelyn Enns Melody Enns</p> <p>Valerie Loewen Jerry Loewen Robert Loewen</p> <p>Audrey Loewen Cheryl Loewen Glen Loewen Bruce Loewen</p> <p>Cameron Huber</p>	<p>Born-Died 1957- 1958- 1962-</p> <p>1954- 1956- 1963-</p> <p>1960- 1963- 1966- 1967-</p> <p>1971-</p>
<p>Heinrich Loewen Mary Loewen Isaac Loewen Anna Loewen John Loewen</p> <p>Edwin B. Loewen Theresa Rhode</p> <p>Allan Loewen Irene des Lauriers</p> <p>Ava Loewen Ronald Friesen</p>	<p>1903-1931 1905- 1908-1908 1909-1910 1911-</p> <p>1915- 1918-</p> <p>1948- 1950-</p> <p>1950- 1950-</p>		

Wpg. '71.

Yes, Sir,

My story? Lance Corporal — Corporal — declined promotion to Sergeant, . . . through Sicily, Italy . . . in Anti-tank platoon.

Had first bakeshop in Winkler . . . had a staff of four. Took over the milk business. Was the C of C Santa Claus, four years plus. Came in by air once.

Coached hockey . . . Pee Wees, Midgets, Juniors. Quit when my boys went into senior hockey.

P. Reginald Browne.

Frans Loewen	1852	Okto 25	1877	frun flham	Johann Loewen Katharina Braun
copuliert	1855	Okto 9	mit		
Margaretha Dueck	1856	Janu 9	1875	frun flham	Frans Dyck Anna Doll
Anna Loewen	1856	Aug 15		frun	
Isaack Loewen	1857	Junu 9	1844	frun flham	Waher Frans Loewen Mutter Christend. Martens
frun liert	1856	Okto 24	mit		
Susanna Krahn	1858	Septem	1859	frun flham	Mutter Bernhard Krahn Mutter Sara Lehn
Bernhard Loewen	1858	April 8			
Sara	1860	August 7			
Isaak	1863	Okto 8		1867	Febru 5
Isaak	1863	Okto 19			
Peter	1868	Febru 1		1868	Nov 2
Jakob	1869	Okto 24			
Johann	1873	Febru 16			
Frans	1876	Okto 29		1877	Junu 15
Jakob Loewen	1800	Nov 20	1820	1825	Sept 26
1865	mit				
Loewen	1822	Nov 15	1822		

The above is a photostatic copy of a sheet in the O.C.C. register previously mentioned in this study. The sheets with the narrow spaces between the vertical lines were evidently brought to Manitoba by the 1875 immigrants since on the Canadian paper these vertical lines are farther apart. It is regrettable that these Russian sheets are poorly preserved as is revealed by the irregular edges.

The data on the Loewen family poses several intriguing questions.

Firstly, how may the Katharina Braun who is shown as the mother of the Loewen who was "copuliert" with Margaretha Dueck related, if at all, with the Jakob Braun family?

Secondly, the Bernhard Krahn, given as the father of Susanna Krahn, what relation may he have been to the Gerhard Krahn who was the father, grandfather of Grandpa Jakob Braun who brought all of us to Manitoba in 1875?

The dates given on this sheet, of course, are Julian calendar dates.

THE JOHN LOEWENS

Early morning, New Year's day, 1875, during a cold wintry spell of weather in South Russia, a wee baby came to stay with the Jacob Braun family. She, it was a girl, filled in the last spot in the family circle of this agrarian couple. She was welcomed by five brothers and three sisters and provided more balance for the family group. There was the potential labor supply for the farming father and house-hold help for the mother for years to come.

Solomon's precept, Psalm 127, 3, that children are an heritage of the Lord, was as true as ever. However, privileges and blessings have a tendency to bring responsibilities with them. The reports that the Russian government was about to cancel the exemptions from military service used to entice the Mennonites to seek refuge in the Czar's lands, was disquieting in the extreme to these people. They had no stomach to trust the half-measure of the Forestry Service finally offered them.

Almost six months to the day, our bonnie lassie was thousands of miles beyond the reach of the Czar's minions in the Red River valley of Canada. One effect of this migration the family did not accept was the change of the little one's birthday. January First on the Julian calendar happens to be January 13 by the Gregorian calendar. This change would rob Anna of a popular day when she could be queen at home. While the days for the other family birthdays were altered, Ann's day remained the "gate-way" of the year.

My father having a keen interest in trade, finance and machinery early moved his little family to Altona far from the parental homes of the Loewens and of the Browns. A career in the business world required a working knowledge of English. The 1891 students' roster of the Mennonite school in Gretna shows father enrolled there the year that Rev. H. H. Ewert arrived in Manitoba from Kansas. Dad's interest in education is further well shown by the library of German and English books he acquired over the years.

While dad's in-laws continued their farming in the Winkler-Morden communities, dad himself opened additional outlets in Regina, Osler, Plum Coulee and Winkler. In the late 1890's it was of considerable family interest that John and Cornelius Warkentin obtained their first threshing machine. It was the first owned by any one in the Mennonite community. The outfit consisted of a John Abel return-flue steamer and an Advance thresher. My father was the vendor.

My parents' stay in Regina was of short duration. Regina is remembered as a smallish town with board walks. Sister Susan and brother Jake went to school there and learned English. At home father insisted that all speak Low German.

Diary No. 82 1877

<i>Mother's Name</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Month</i>	<i>Day</i>	<i>Year</i>
<i>Anna Maria</i>	<i>1877</i>	<i>Jan</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>1877</i>
<i>Anna Maria</i>	<i>1878</i>	<i>Jan</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>1878</i>
<i>Susanna</i>	<i>1878</i>	<i>Sept</i>	<i>29</i>	<i>1878</i>
<i>Anna Maria</i>	<i>1879</i>	<i>Apr</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>1879</i>
<i>Anna Maria</i>	<i>1880</i>	<i>July</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>1880</i>
<i>Anna Maria</i>	<i>1881</i>	<i>Nov</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>1881</i>
<i>Anna Maria</i>	<i>1882</i>	<i>Nov</i>	<i>31</i>	<i>1882</i>
<i>Anna Maria</i>	<i>1883</i>	<i>Feb</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>1883</i>
<i>Anna Maria</i>	<i>1884</i>	<i>Nov</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>1884</i>
<i>Anna Maria</i>	<i>1885</i>	<i>Nov</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>1885</i>
<i>Anna Maria</i>	<i>1886</i>	<i>Nov</i>	<i>28</i>	<i>1886</i>
<i>Anna Maria</i>	<i>1887</i>	<i>Nov</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>1887</i>

The Loewen family data transferred onto new forms and the dates changed to the Gregorian calendar.

Back in Altona after the Regina venture the folks lived on a quiet street. A disappointing experience from that time bears telling. One day the lady next door decided to curl her hair. Tongs heated over a kerosene lamp were generally used for this purpose. Their house caught fire and mother soon knew by the smell of things that our house was in the line of fire. Since the only fire protection was provided by a bucket brigade in those days, about all any one could do under the circumstances was to stand and see his own go up in flames also.

In Winkler in 1905 father opened a hardware store. This he operated until his death in 1932. Here we lived in the large Esau house located at Mountain and Sixth Street, where the Post Office is located today. Mother was happy with her house and large garden. The six bedrooms upstairs were a delight for us children. The central hall, four big rooms and pantry downstairs were adequate for a growing family. Mother was well-pleased since she could take in boarders.

Also at this time dad bought his first car. It was a buggy style vehicle having large wheels with narrow solid rubber tires and it would do about 10 mph. Next dad acquired a big 7-passenger Reo. This was a delightfully smooth riding car. It was equipped with carbide headlights. And thereby hangs a tale. One day Henry and one of his Janzen pals found a discarded carbide container. Curiosity got the better of them. They tossed in a burning match and looked to see what would happen. They did not have long to wait. Both boys were badly burned about the face. I can still see Henry with his bandaged face on the sofa.

Dad bought two more cars, namely a Star sedan with electric lights and lastly an Essex. The venetian type of radiator shutter of the Essex was push-button controlled and proved to be a boon in cold weather driving.

Father gave us quite a scare with this car. His Plum Coulee machinery business necessitated regular trips to PC to keep tab on this operation. When one day he failed to reach home at his usual time, we presently heard he had rolled the car. The rutty, sandy dirt roads of that day made a car accident prone.

Then there was the frightening ride we had from Haskett back home. A terrifying rain-storm hit us. The wind driven rain came down in torrents. I'll never forget that ordeal. Arrived in Winkler we found our street blocked for the bell-tower had been blown down. What a time mother had with her wet whimpering brood.

Our farmer relatives often talked about their problems. Little do they realize the problems of a business man's wife and family. Father's generous nature prompted him to bring customers and salesmen home for meals. He trusted mother to be ready to have extra people share our meals at any time. With a family of ten children and with public health services unavailable sickness and death were two dreaded companions in our home.

Despite it all, though, despite the large house, the ten children (four of whom died in infancy), the over-sized garden, a cow and some chickens, mother lived her own life and had a career of community service that gave her much inner joy and satisfaction. This included a good deal of church work that ranged from culinary kitchen duties to personal spiritual counselling of the erring to accept Christ and to live for Him.

She also felt particularly drawn to the post WWI Mennonite arrivals from Russia. This included some Fast relatives who "pressed their claims and had their claims allowed." Mother was glad to take in a widow Papke who stayed with us until she found more lucrative employment for herself and children among the good neighbors around Roland.



Helena and Anna Braun



Mr. and Mrs. John J. Loewen

Mother had a genuine interest and real love in and for people. Many a time we children were sent to take food to families in need. We were all given an opportunity to take piano lessons. Sister Sue became the church organist. We were sent to high school. Sue and Jake attended the Altona M.E.I. Susan made her Grade XI and qualified for a teaching certificate. She enjoyed years of successful teaching in Haskett and in Altona. Mother really showed us the way for she attended night school and under the excellent tutelage of Mr. John R. Walkof acquired a rich English vocabulary through the study of Shakespeare. This resulted in current literature coming into our house and mother would try her skill at trying the house hold hints and recipes found in the F.P.P.F. Her letters to us were then written in English.

The upper storey of dad's Winkler hardware store was arranged for living quarters. The dumb waiter arrangement intrigued us children.

With it perishable food was lowered to cool in the basement and raised as needed. One of the early tenants there was Mr. Frederick Philip Grove, local high school principal newly married. He and his wife enjoyed their first year of marriage up there. One of Mr. Grove's Jewish pupils regularly removed the snow from the outside stairway and landing after each snowfall. "That is just a beautiful example of hero-worshipping," confided Mr. Grove.

My parents were both connoisseurs of good horse flesh. Cousin J. C. Warkentin remembers dad buying a horse from his father and a mate for it from Uncle J. J. Warkentin. The mare had a colt at foot. This provided an interesting experience. On one of the return trips from Osterwick to Altona, father decided to ford Buffalo Lake instead of taking the bridge. He used to tell us that he had been concerned about the colt making it after the twenty mile run from Osterwick. However, the well-bred youngster was game and stayed beside his dam and peppily scampered up the east shore.

The years from 1932 to 1948 comprised the most enjoyable period of my earlier years. I was through high school. I had my Normal School training. I had that feeling of independence that comes with job security. Since Sue had been a very successful teacher in Altona, I had an open door into the profession. The monthly cheque, the long summer vacation, the free week-ends and a loving and understanding mother was surely all anyone could long for. This enabled me to take University courses during the school year and to travel extensively in summer. The former presently enabled me to become a qualified high school teacher and the latter took me through much of the United States and Canada as well as over most of Europe.

My 1960 European trip to see the Passion Play specifically at Oberammergau was a tremendous experience. I did enjoy the MCC assignments in Italy and Greece. I found the western Asiatic countries of Hawaii, Japan, Hong Kong, Taiwan and even Okinawa in 1970 quite enchanting. The Mennonite World Conference and Expo 1967 were likewise most informative.



Seen at the 1972 Braun Reunion.



The Winkler garage and car exchange.

THE JOHN J. LOEWEN BIOGRAPHIES

Anna Braun, VIII, Hsekpr, kept boarders, studied English in night school, GC, active in MCC, WMA pres't, much aid for needy, Lo Germ, Eng, Abendschule, WrW, Kinder freund, FP Prairie Weekly, The Mennonite.

John J. Loewen, X, Hdwre, machinery and general store, councillor and sch trustee; mayor of Winkler, 4 yrs, third longest term, MEI director, GC, liked good horses, established businesses in Altona, Winkler, Plum Coulee & Regina, O'sler, Ability to help people, motor buggy (big wheeled speed 10 mph), Reo 7-passenger, Star & Essex cars, Lo Germ.

Susanna Loewen, X, Teacher, hsekpr, Ch organist, GC, Music, Central Canada, b&w, WrW, Lo Germ, Eng.

Diedrich Hoepfner, X, Farmer, oil station, sch trustee, RM Morris reeve, friend of people, Com., legal advisor, insurance, GC advisory board, Macleans, FH&WS, LHJ, Needle Point, Sat Eve. Post. '71 Buick.

Jacob Loewen, IX, Insurance, trucker, garage business, enjoyed farm life at Uncle George's; GC, b&w, WrW, '71 Dodge, Pop Sc.

Justina Bergen, VIII, Hsekpr, GC, Lo Germ, Eng.

Loreen Loewen, XI, Bank teller, Hsekpr, GC, b&w, & color.

Percy Enns, X, Fire chief, farmer, operates express lines; GC, Chev st wgn.

Robert Loewen, XII, Labor Relations, Civil ser, UC, AW, b&w, '67 Ford St. wgn.

Doreen Loepky, XII, Telephone op, UC.

Glen Loewen, XI, Welder, truck dr, Service st op, Baptist, b&w, color, AW, '67 Ford St Wgn.

Myrna Goosen, XII, hsekpr. Baptist.

Jeannette Loewen, XII, Sec, color, AW, '68 Ford sedan.

George Huber, X, die maker, salesman.

Henry Loewen, XI, Devil's Lake Ser St, First airplane pilot in family. Barn storming. Killed in plane crash at DL in 1931. First in family to own a plane.

Mary J. Loewen, XII, BEd, BA, MRE; teacher, religious instr in Virginia 41 yrs. GC, MCC, barn storming, Europe, Hawaii, Japan, Hong Kong, Okinawa, US, Canada, Expo in '67. '71 Dodge, RD, MacLeans, Chat, McCall, Eng.

John Loewen, VIII, reads Braille in Steinbach Resthaven Home since 1960; likes people and music; Salesman, weaving, RD, radio, basketry, rubber mats from old tires.

Edwin Loewen, XII, Taught music appreciation, sch trustee, Winkler; guest house op; trucking; basketry, stamp collector, needle point, music, RD, Chat, McCall, b&w, WrW.

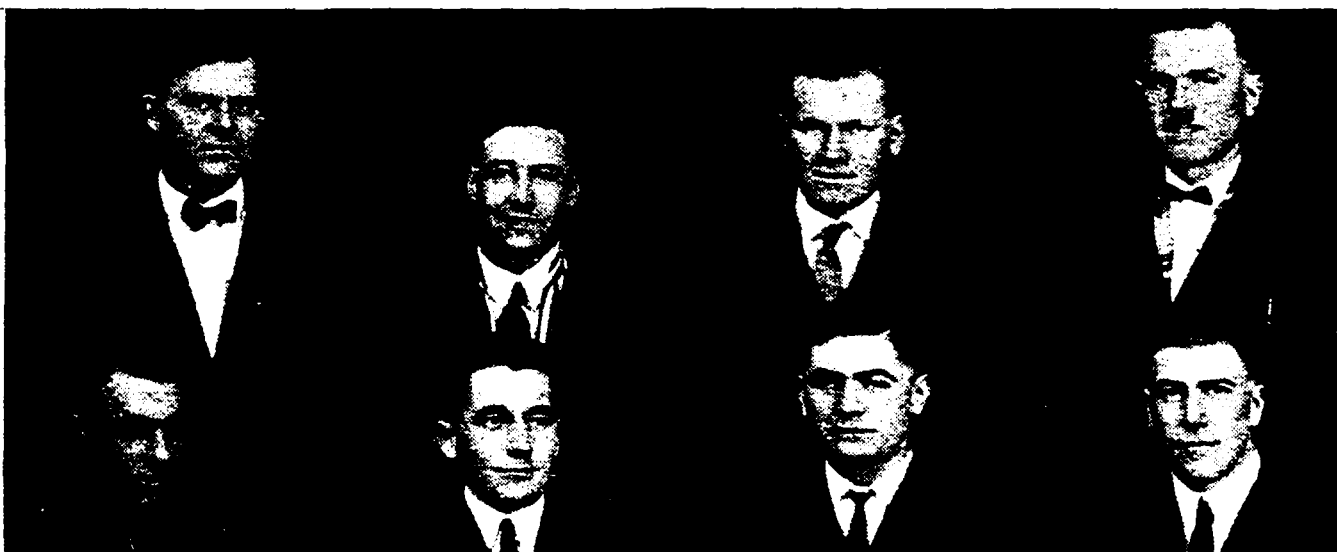
Theresa Rhode, Hairdresser.

Allan Loewen, XII, Hotel desk clerk, Lutheran.

Irene des Lauriers, Sec, receptionist, RC.

Ava Loewen, X, hairdressing.

Ronald Friesen, guitarist.



Ike Braun, Abe Martens, George I. Braun, John Braun, Ike Penner, Ike Geesler, Jake Loewen, Nick Kroeker.



A 1930 picture of Mary J. Loewen with Henry who was the first Braun relative to perish in a plane crash.



A 1955 picture of John Loewen with his seeing-eye dog.



E. B. and Theresa Loewen at their silver wedding.

I suppose secretly all in the family were quite thrilled when brother Henry surprised us with his flying. None of us knew he had become a qualified pilot. John Enns, Winkler mayor, knew before we did. Yes, there was a bit of pride when we realized he was the first in our family and community to own and fly a plane. He actually introduced flying into Southern Manitoba. He did a good deal of barn-storming and he did it safely. He handled his plane well enough so that parachutists were happy to jump from his machine. We all felt his would likely be a career of flying. Really it seemed to be quite safe. He was a popular airman and all praised his navigational skill. While operating a service station at Devil's Lake he covered much of this mid-continent region.

Then one day a Devil's Lake physician had problems with his own plane. He used his plane to see his patients. Henry's love of people and his desire to help others, prompted him to endeavor to provide assistance to the doctor. Together with a friend they decided to see what they could do with the stranded plane. And indeed, soon they had the motor running. When they found that the plane would not take off with both of them on board, Henry had suggested he would try to take it up alone. It worked. He was soon airborne. Then more rpm's were required to keep the plane up. The motor stalled. The inevitable crash occurred. Henry was fatally injured.



The Percy and Loreen Enns family with Dolores, Jocelyn and Melody.



The Robert and Doreen Loewen family with Valerie, Jerry and Robert.



The Glen and Myrna Loewen family with Audrey, Cheryl, Glen and Bruce.



Jeanette and George Hubert with Cameron.

After recuperating from an operation after mother's death, I began to pick up the tangled strains of my own life by returning to the classroom both as pupil and as teacher, in church as well as in secular institutions. I completed enough courses at the Winkler Bible School, the Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Chicago, and the Garrett Biblical Seminary for the M.R.E. degree. I further completed a course of training at the Elgin Mental Health Hospital. Since I had acquired both BA and B.Ed. degrees, I actually had a wide range of options in teaching.

Choosing between a teaching position on the one hand or continuing as assistant chaplain to Dr. Boisen resulted in some real soul searching. When a phone call from Virginia came saying they were in great need for a teacher of religious education in their schools, I felt I should remain with my first love, namely classroom teaching. I did spend two interesting years in the south.

My secular classroom experience covered forty years in Altona, Winkler, Steinbach and Winnipeg and covered a large portion of the curriculum in both the elementary and secondary schools.

In between these demanding teaching assignments I was happy for the opportunity of providing bed-side care and personal service to brother John who after losing his eye sight has now become quite bed ridden due to a severe stroke in 1960.

John, of course, has had it rough. He arrived a sickly baby and was plagued by innumerable ailments. He learned to walk at three. Fever

Box 161, Morden,
April 9, 1972.

Mr. Brown, Winnipeg.
Sir,

Here is a bit of "Braun" history that you can probably use. It is unfortunate that neither my mother nor her brother Peter are around. Both seemed to know many little family incidents of long ago.

Since Grandma Braun lived in a separate house on my grandparents' yard in the Valleyfield district my mother often stayed with her. My mother told us that she often combed grandma's hair.

When George Brown's first son was named "Wilfred," Grandma Braun had difficulty in pronouncing the name that was strange to her.

My mother asked her what name she preferred. Her reply, "Nah, doch Jakob, Peta odah Johann."

Sincerely,
A. L. Wiebe.



Mary J. Loewen

robbed him of his baby teeth and the next set have not served him at all well. In a game of King of the Castle at school he was seriously injured which left him partially paralyzed. He lost his eyesight in 1919; he suffered a sun stroke which led to amnesia. Finally a stroke left him completely immobilized. But on the other side of the ledger for him is his own determination that enabled him to master Braille and then he has a remarkable memory that helps him to recognize people by their voices and to carry on an extensive correspondence. He has also enjoyed the unselfish devotion of many. His father sought all the medical aid available. His mother, and even his aged grandmother, sacrificed their own health and strength on his behalf. Mrs. John L. Dyck, (nee Lena Enns), his primary teacher, went many a second mile with him. Mr. I. J. Warkentin read to him and typed his letters almost weekly for years, prior to his own death in 1971. Mr. J. G. Toews has now taken over. Who else, one might ask, ever had two eminent high school principals as private secretaries? John has thoroughly appreciated all this, and he shows as much for when ever he is asked, "How are you today, John?" his smiling reply is "I'm still looking up!"

—Mary J. Loewen

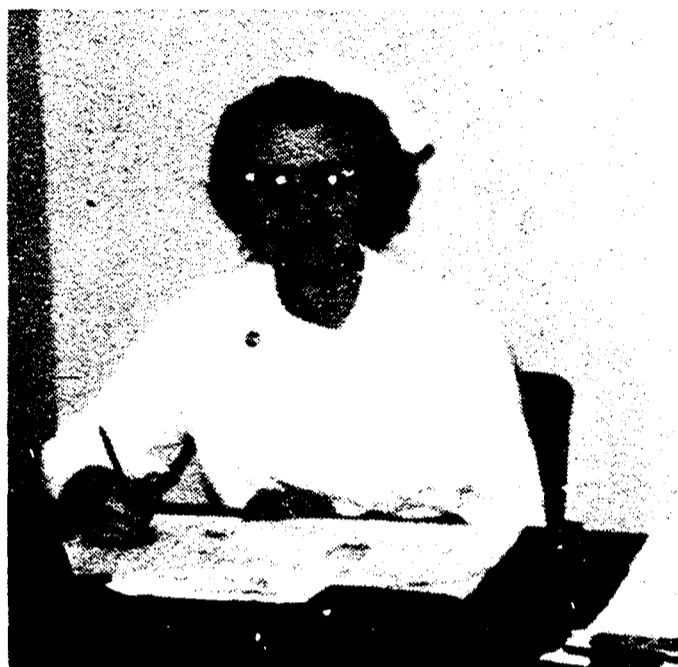


The adults, l-r: Johann and Grandma Braun, John J. and Anna Loewen, Jacob and Helena Warkentin, Franz and Maria Loewen. On the grass: John Loewen, Susie and Peter Warkentin.

**CHAPTER XIII
NURSES IN THE FAMILY
RN'S AND LPN'S**



Edna M. Johnson, M.A.
Teaches senior nursing at Walla Walla
College, Wash.



Lydia Penner at her administrative of-
fice desk.



Olinda Poettcker



Luella Hamm



Marjorie Sawatzky



Elsie Sawatzky



Lydia (Brown) Penner



Margaret (Penner) Wiebe



Betty (Brown) Enns



Mary (Brown) Shebaylo



Esther Falk



Marjorie (Neumiller) Zacker



Lois Kiniak



Dorothy (Brown) Klassen



Shelley Diane Peterson



Ruth Rempel



Grace (Brown) Neufeld



Arlene (Braun) Brown

Linden, Alberta,
May 25, 1972.

Dear Cousin,

I can sympathize with you in your historical venture. I am in a very good position to understand and appreciate the financial involvement. We are at present trying to pre-sell our local history book. Our involvement could well reach \$9,500 and we are really getting a fairly good response. Just how we will bridge the gap is something that remains to be seen.

Sincerely yours,
Isaac Brown.

Winkler, 147-7th St., 21, 3, '72.

Dear Cousins,

Am sending the last of the questionnaires that came in. The last one I sent out will likely not come to me from Henry Dyck's youngest, but he is a civil engineer.

Good luck, Your cousin,
Mary Wiebe.

CHAPTER XIV

THE BRAUN THANKSGIVING REUNION Stanley Centennial Park — Sunday, August 1, 1971

How did this Braun Reunion come about? Why are we here this morning? What has brought so many of the Jakob Braun-Maria Fast descendents together this morning?

We like to visit. We want to see our relatives. We want to learn to know our relatives. We likely want to know what they are doing and how they are doing it. But what actually triggered the organization of this gathering is a bit different.

Last winter I happened to read several family histories. Specifically I read the Wiens family register written by Irvine Kroeker. I was surprised to learn that all those Wienses, Kroekers, Ennses, Dycks and others, were all related.

Then I saw and read a copy of C. A. De Fehr's "Memories of My Life" written for his family. Well illustrated with much personal history, this is an exceedingly stirring account of the sorrows and harrowing experiences of a family during the Russian Revolution contrasted with the joyful, happy rewarding years in Canada that enabled Mr. De Fehr to serve God and his fellow men pretty well around the world.

At once I wished that some one would write the story of the Jacob Braun family through the half dozen generations we have been in Canada. Talking to friends about this, I generally heard, "Why don't you do it yourself." This is not exactly what I had in mind for the project entails a great deal of work and there are always others who would do it much better.

Almost the first person I approached about the vital statistics of his family, asked me, "Are we going to have a family gathering during the summer?" This was repeated when I asked about the names, years of birth and of death, occupation and so forth of the family members of relatives.

My reply became, "I have a different project in hand now. What about you talking it up?"

So it happened that we had a meeting at the George Brown home in Winkler April 6th. A motion for a family gathering carried unanimously. Even the place and date were at once agreed upon. The broad outlines of the programme were decided. A list of speakers was drawn up. Lunch arrangements were made. A list of committees was suggested. Ten days later the details of these suggestions were filled in at a larger meeting at the Frank Brown home.

Seven weeks thereafter, on June the 4th, the third organizational meeting placed its stamp of approval on whatever you will see and hear here today. The final meeting of the committee members, at the Dave Stobbe home in Altona, pronounced it all good with everyone hoping for one of these ideal summer days in sunny Manitoba — a fine day to visit and to reminisce.

Peter Brown

PLANNING THE BRAUN FAMILY REUNION

Four meetings were required to make preparations for the August 1, 1971, Braun Family Reunion.

Essentially the first meeting held April sixth decided to proceed with plans to hold a family reunion on Sunday, August First, in the recently established Stanley Centennial Park. This park was chosen because of the facilities available in it, its size and its isolation, all of which would be desirable for a programme of sports, singing, speeches and prayers that might readily attract hundreds of persons of all ages.

The second meeting held ten days later with twenty-five people present was called for the specific purpose of electing the executive and the committees required to plan and handle all aspects of the family gathering. The positions were filled as follows:

Chairman — Peter Brown, Winnipeg

Secretary — Frank Brown

Program Committee — Mrs. Anne Stobbe, P. M. Hoepfner, Billy Brown, P.C.; Ken Warkentin, Morden; Elma Brown.

Lunch Committee — Mr. and Mrs. George I. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. George E. Wiebe, 13th St., Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Epp, Altona, Mr. and Mrs. George E. Wiebe, 7th St., S.

Grounds Committee — to supply tables, chairs, plans for seats, handle parking, speakers' platform. Alvin Wiebe, Mountain City, chairman; Ernie and Henry Hoepfner, George Warkentin, Altona, Harry Brown, Winkler.

Publicity Committee — Newspaper announcements: Free Press, Tribune, Echo: Peter Brown; Times, Progress: Frank Brown; Prepare circulars: Peter Brown; Send out circulars — all members; Invite relatives — all members.

Reminiscing and Historical Committee — Frank Brown, Peter J. Brown, Isaac Brown, Sam Ratzlaff, Mr. and Mrs. Gus Heinrichs, Mary J. Loewen, Peter Brown, Wpg., moderator.

Guest registrars — Elma Brown, Wilfred B. Brown

The third organizational meeting was held June 4th. Ken Warkentin, Glencross, led in the invocation.

All Brauns/Browns are invited to the reunion, but the family register to be published will be confined to the Jakob Braun descendents to keep the gathering of the vital statistics to a minimal task. Peter Brown, Winnipeg, made a request for family data, stories and photographs.

The lunch committee was advised that the following donations will be made for the preparation of lunch:

George Brown — fruit juices and coffee makers

Peter Brown, Fort Garry — Coleman stove

Mary Loewen — fruit and potato salads

Peter Brown — the tea and coffee

Frank Brown — coffee mate

At the final meetings of the Braun Family Planning Committee held a week prior to the Reunion, progress reports were received from the various committees.

Ample food donations are anticipated.

Hot water for tea and coffee will be made available.

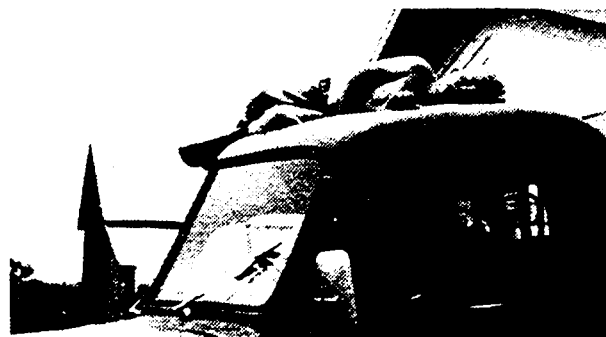
Wilfred Brown and Elma Brown will serve as Guest Registrars.

Peter Brown will make the CFAM Public Address van available.

All committee members were asked to encourage relatives and friends to bring relics, family pictures, books, antiques, grandparents' pictures, yesteryear costumes.

“Everyone is to pitch-in on the clean-up.

The chairman thanked all the committees for their co-operation and hard work.”



Clockwise from top left: Douglas Brown graduated in 1970; the Burwalde Braun home 1900-1932; Paul George Rempel at ease; The John Browns, Frank Browns, Peter Browns, Elwin Ratzlaffs at Kelstern before 1946.

Dear Relative,

You are hereby cordially invited to attend a Braun Family Festival of praise and thanksgiving to be held in the Stanley Centennial Park seven miles south-west of Morden on Sunday, August First next. Rev. David Braun will be the guest speaker at the 10:30 Sunday morning worship service and Rev. John Warkentin will chair this service that will also contain special numbers, music and songs.

Manitoba families are asked to pack extra food, paper/plastic dishes and cutlery for friends and relatives from a distance. Hot and cold water, tea and coffee, will be provided at the park especially for the 4 o'clock lunch. While there are the customary picnic tables in the park it would likely be advisable for Manitobans to bring TV and/or folding picnic tables and lawn chairs.

The lunch committee is willing to make the necessary patterned seating arrangements and the pooling and distribution of the food so that both the noon-day and the 4 o'clock meals may be warm pleasant fellowship experiences.

An interesting programme, including sports activities for the young, has been arranged for the afternoon. This will include anecdotes, stories, poems, and a panel discussion that it is hoped will highlight the spirit, fortitude, faith, hope and love of the joys and sorrows of the pioneers of our family.

Please come. Bring your camera. Bring your whole family. Sign the register. Pick-up a name-tag. Meet your relatives. Discover new relatives. Let your relatives learn to know you. Be photographed. Above all else, **BE THERE!** Participate. We want to see you.

Frank Brown, Winkler, secretary
Peter Brown, Winnipeg, chairman.



At the '71 reunion. Were you there?

PROGRAMME
BROWN FAMILY REUNION
August 1, 1971, 10:30 A.M.
Stanley Centennial Park
Chairman — Rev. John Warkentin

1. Opening Service — Rev. Warkentin — Scripture Reading & Prayer
2. Hymn — Holy God We Praise Thy Name — One verse in German: Grosser Gott Wir Loben Dich
3. Ladies' Trio — Mrs. Tina Brown and Sisters — Precious Memories
4. Resume of How This Reunion Evolved — Peter Brown, Winnipeg
5. Hymn — Love Divine, All Love Excelling
6. Solo — Ron Brown — CBC Hymn Sing
7. Message — Rev. David Brown — Manitoba Prison Chaplain, Winnipeg
8. Musical Number — The Jake Penner Family, Grande Prairie
9. Hymn — When We Walk With The Lord
10. Instrumental — Wiebe Sisters
11. Announcements re lunch, antiques, the afternoon — Peter Brown
12. Closing Remarks and Prayer — Isaac Brown, Linden

NOON LUNCH

THE AFTERNOON PROGRAMME
Chairman — Peter Brown, Fort Garry

1. Hymn — Am I A Soldier of the Cross
2. "The Browns," a poem by Mrs. J. E. Dyck, Altona, read by the chairman
3. Instrumental — Mrs. Leroy Bartel
4. Hymn — Faith of our Fathers
5. Panel Discussion — Recalling the Past — Moderator, Peter Brown, Wpg. Participants: Mrs. J. E. Dyck, Mrs. Elizabeth Martens, Mary Loewen, Annie Brown, J. C. Warkentin, E. B. Loewen, Isaac Brown, P. J. Brown.
6. Report on the Family Tree Book — Peter Brown, Wpg.
7. Discussion: To Erect a Memorial Monument to Our Parents & Grandparents
8. Hymn — Abide With Me
9. Picture Taking
10. Happy Birthday — the 80th for Mrs. J. E. Dyck
11. Sports, Lunch, Faspa at 4:30 PM
12. Clean-up

How good it is to give thanks to the
Lord,
to sing in your honor, Most High God,
to proclaim your constant love every
morning,
and your faithfulness every night,
with the music of stringed instruments,
and with melody on the harp.
Your mighty acts Lord make me glad;
because of what you have done I sing
for joy. Psalm 92: 1-4

Today we have gathered as members of a large family to celebrate and to give thanks to God for His leading and guidance. Like the psalmist we want to praise God for His mighty acts and we do this in a special way as a particular people, with a particular history. We are here today as a great throng in diversity of profession, education and religious experience to share in the events of a common history. It is important for us and our children that we gather in this fashion. It is important because the family as an institution is being threatened by forces which seem to spell the end of the family as we have traditionally understood the meaning of marriage and family. It is important because many people are floundering in our society because they have never come to terms with their history. It is important for us to remember our heritage, our past, in order that we may better understand our present experience and hopefully chart a meaningful course for the future.

I. A Look Into The Past:

The Mennonite people came to Manitoba in 1874 and following. In 1875 some one thousand (1,000) people from Furstenland Colony, Russia, came to Manitoba and settled in the area known then as the West Reserve. These people settled in the following villages: Blumenort, Blumengart, Blumenfeld, Blumstein, Neuhorst, Schoenwiese, Reinland, Rosengart, Eichenfeld, Kronsfield, Hoffnungsfeld, Hochfeld, Gruenfeld, Shanzenfeld, Schoenfeld, Osterwick, Kronsthal, Rosenort, Gnadenthal, Neuenburg, Roesenthal, Friedensruh, Reinfeld, Hamburg, Chortitz, Burwalde, and Neu-Reinland.

Many or most of the above names will be familiar to you. Some of the names are familiar to me through conversations with my father and other members of the family. Based on conversations with members of the Brown family and based on the names of the above mentioned villages it seems likely that our fore-father Jacob Braun came to Manitoba with the Furstenland people.

What was happening in Russia that our fore-fathers wanted to come to Canada? The answer is manifold. However, the following are probably the main reasons why they planned a move to Canada and the United States.

In Russia after 1866 the programs of reform and nationalization began to affect the Mennonites more and more. For one thing the balance of power in the Mennonite colonies began to shift when the landless received the franchise. A further threat was the introduction of the Russian language as the language of instruction in the Mennonite schools. The government was also prepared to provide qualified teachers where Mennonite teachers were unqualified to instruct in the Russian language.

In the book, *An Introduction to Mennonite History*, edited by C. J. Dyck we read as follows:

The changes which were coming among them, therefore, threatened to assimilate the Mennonites into the Russian population, which seemed to many to forecast an end to their historic faith as a people. p., 139

In 1874, the long feared universal military service law was passed. This caused great concern among the Mennonite people as it tended to threaten their long standing exemption from military service. The Mennonites were, however, granted exemption from military service in lieu of some acceptable form of alternative service.

In summary the reasons our fore-fathers came to Canada are as follows:

1. The new military laws threatened their coveted religious freedom.
2. The pressure of assimilation into the prevailing Russian culture was unacceptable to them.
3. There was a land hunger resulting from a high birth rate and the development of a landless class among the Mennonites.

The following promises made to the Mennonites by the Canadian government served as a special enticement or reason for choosing to come to Canada. The following are some of the conditions granted to the Mennonites by Ottawa dated July 26, 1873.

1. Complete exemption from military service.
2. A free grant of land in Manitoba.
3. The right to conduct their own traditional school. (German and Bible as the main subjects.)
4. The privilege of affirming instead of taking the oath in court.
5. A cash grant of travel from Hamburg to Fort Gary.

Surely our fore-father Jacob Braun and his wife will have heard the stories and read the literature about Canada and the United States. He will have thought long and hard about leaving Russia and moving to a new country far across the sea.

In my imagination I can see him sitting around the table, or standing on the village streets discussing the possibilities of the new land.

In spite of the hardships of opening up a new land they must have felt that the possibilities of living out their faith in freedom were well worth the hardships of the pioneer life.

Thus it was that our fore-father decided to come to Canada. And because he came we are here almost 100 years later, near the place where he settled, celebrating and rejoicing that we are in this country.

II. A Word About The Present.

From reviewing the past we turn now to say a few words about the present.

Members of the Jacob Braun family are scattered across Canada and into various parts of the United States. My own father, Jacob Braun, son of Jakob Braun, moved to Alberta in 1901 or 1902 to take up a homestead near Didsbury. He finally bought up the homesteads of his father and of his grandfather.

In terms of *professions or vocations* we note that our family has had a great variety of people in many walks of life. There are those engaged in agriculture as farmers. There are teachers and principals. There are nurses, ministers, missionaries, business men, politicians, reeves, mayors. Truly God has granted us privilege upon privilege to study, and to grow economically, and culturally.

So today we are here reaping the benefits of the decision of Jacob Braun to come to Canada. *In comparative freedom* our people built churches, developed a school system and improved their farms and as the country developed our family grew and prospered.

III. Toward the Future:

Decisions shape our destiny. Just as the decision of Jacob Braun in Russia shaped your destiny and mine, so your decisions today will affect the lives of your children. Our fore-fathers faced a different world than we do. The frontiers of our time are not the frontiers of finding a new country nor facing the rigors of pioneer life. But we face other frontiers which will require wisdom and fortitude, that will tax our human and spiritual resources in order to cope with the modern frontiers.

Let us name just a few frontiers which face us in our time:

We face the frontier *of technology and automation*. We are living in the post atomic age. Even this very weekend humans are driving about on the surface of the moon. We will need to make responsible decisions as to how we are going to use the findings of science and technology. We must again take seriously the affirmation that the "earth is the Lord's" and apply this concept to the concept that technology and science is the Lord's.

We will have to find answers concerning the frontiers of *genetics, abortion, and birth control*. The possibilities in the new discoveries of genetics and the shaping of human life stagger the mind. Certainly the way in which individual families deal with these problems will affect the future of their children.

Another frontier is *the knowledge explosion*. No previous society had at its finger tips such a wide and vast store of knowledge. Our young people are graduating from all types of schools with degrees of all kinds. Christian education is concerned that the values that are taught, and the perspective which they have about life is based on faith in the context of the understanding that knowledge should be dedicated to God in the service of mankind.

Another frontier is that of communications.

Radio and television are the product of our time. How we adapt to these inventions and use them for the good of mankind and the glory of God is a decision which we face.

The above are just a few of the new frontiers of our time.

In many ways we are on the frontier of a new world with the greater of possibilities than ever before. Yet, the sobering thought is that we have at our finger tips the means to destroy ourselves and our children with the same science and technology which has helped us to progress to the state in which we now are.

Your choices today can work for the good or ill of your family, your community and your world.

Conclusion.

I would encourage you to make conscious decisions about your life. Decisions based on the positive examples of people of courage and Christian faith, Examples perhaps from scripture, or from members of your immediate family or the community at large.

We are not here to exonerate the past without being cognizant of the mistakes which we have made. But we are here to celebrate and participate in the events of a common history. We are here to remember realistically who we are, where we came from, where we now are and

from what perspective we want to plot our future. Today we are enjoying the blessings and privileges of life in Canada because our forefathers chose to come here.

I would encourage you this day to take hold of the resources that are available to you in Christ Jesus that you might make decisions that will shape the destiny of your children and your world for good. We are here to celebrate and give thanks to God and to rejoice in the company of his people.

I trust that as you come to an understanding of your own history that this will help you to understand and appreciate the present. I hope that this understanding will aid you in making wise choices today. I trust that your choices will be made in reliance upon the will of God for your life. I believe that with the help of God your choices today will shape the future in such a way that God's will may yet be done in your life and in the lives of your children.

HOW GOOD IT is to give thanks to the Lord, to sing to your honor, Most High God. Amen.

(Rev.) David W. Brown.

(Delivered at the Braun/Brown family Re-union in Stanley Centennial Park on August 1, 1971.)



Peter Brown, on Aggies '24 Interclass team of debaters.



Rev. David Braun and family, Reunion guest speaker.

I think there is merit in a person, a family, or a community, taking time out to relieve the past, to recall what preceding generations have done for the present. Just what heritage have our grandparents left us? What do you and I enjoy today because Jacob Braun and Maria Fast brought their nine children from Russia to Manitoba in 1874? Katharina, the eldest, who became Mrs. Peter Hoepfner, was 20 at that time; Gerhard was 18; Jacob, 16; John, 10; Isaac was 9; Peter, 6; Mary was a chubby cheeked lassie of only 5; Helen, with those dark flashing eyes of her mother was no more than 3; Aunt Anna, at only six months, was the darling doll of her siblings.

Both our grandparents were 41 when they decided to pull up stakes and risk crossing the stormy North Atlantic and move into an unknown continent inhabited by savage men and infested with wild animals.

Our grandfather made a down-payment of \$29.62 for the fare from Hamburg to Fort Garry on the Red River for that group of eleven persons. The actual cost of this passage was \$30 for anyone over 8 years, \$15 for children between 1 and 8 years of age, and \$3 for those below one year. These rates indicate that the Canadian government heavily bonused the fare for these immigrants. Moreover, since the Canadian government was anxious to have settlers come into the vast prairie regions of the West it also provided the food for the settlers from Liverpool on the River Severn on the west coast of England to Collingwood on the coast of Georgian Bay on Lake Huron. For the balance of the trip, from Russia to Liverpool and then from Collingwood to Osterwick, the travellers had to find their own rations. This was prepared before their departure and consisted of Roeshke, properly seasoned, smoked and maybe dried beef, hams and shoulders, beans, flour and potatoes.

That full fare of \$30 at 5% compound interest for about 100 years would by now amount to several thousand dollars and there may be some individuals who will question the wisdom of the move.

I rather think that if we had later been able to look in upon those pioneers during the golden evenings of their lives, we would have found them very happy for having had the strong faith and courage to pull up their roots in the old land and exchanged it for the promises of the new. What a demonstration of faith in the love of God and of strong-willed endurance that has turned out to be.

For myself I want to say that we can all thank God that we did not grow up under Russian communism. Here we have all enjoyed varying degrees of the good life economically, physically, culturally and spiritually.

Honor thy father and thy mother is the first commandment with promise, for, as it continues, so that thy days may be long in the land that the Lord, thy God, giveth thee.

The preacher in "Let us now praise famous men and our fathers that begat us," mentions the men in government, those that found out musical tunes, those that recited verses, and those that lived peaceably in their habitations. All these, the Preacher says, were honored in their generations.

This would include the municipal counsellors, mayors, reeves, preachers and ministers, teachers and principals, the MLA's, the directors and managers of companies. We have already heard the musicians; and maybe we shall hear those that recite verses. All these, the preacher says, were honored by their contemporaries. I expect that most of us will then have to find our joy and satisfaction in the good fortune of those of our relatives whose forebears belonged to one or the other of those groups.

Ecclesiasticus, the preacher, points out, however, that there are those "which have no memorial, who are perished as though they had never been." This is so true of our grandparents. I visited the little cemetery, that hallowed ground, where they rest from their labors; it has no marker; no one, neither child, friend nor stranger, can read their names. Indeed, grass and weeds cover the plots. There are no apparent mounds to mark their resting places. However, the angel of the Lord knows where they sleep and on that blessed morning He will call them by name for the Lord knows His own.

Our grandparents have left us a goodly inheritance. They builded better than they knew. It is as Paul says, "I have planted, Apollos watered, the Lord gave the increase." And the increase has been not merely 30-fold, nor only 60-fold, but surely often 100-fold. And we who live now have benefitted by this rich increase.

For this we want to praise our fathers that begat us and thank God and give him the glory.

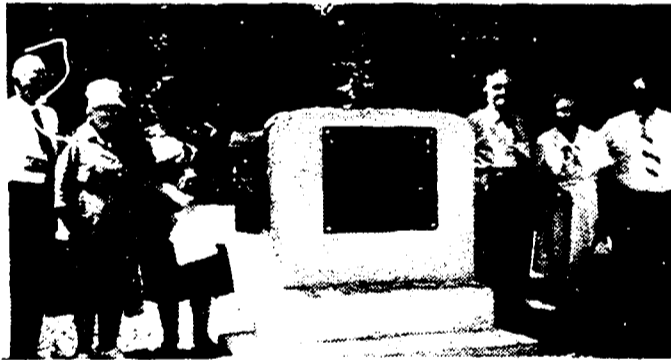
And that is why we are here today and therefore may we all this day gather pleasant memories.

Thank you.
Peter Brown.

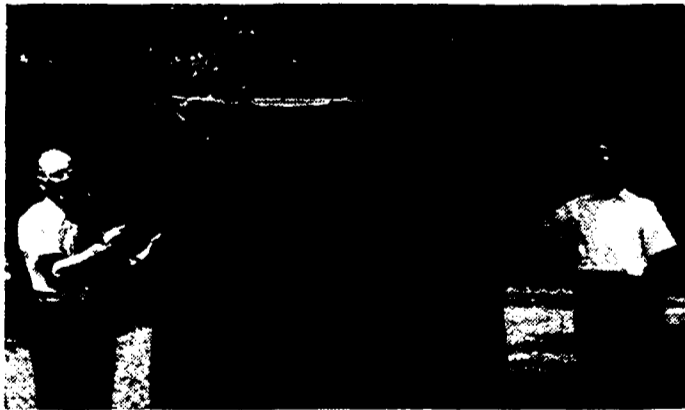


The Elmer Dycks singing for the Senior Citizens.

John Warkentine
Annie Brown
Mrs. Lena Dyck



J. C. Warkentin
Eliz. Martens
P. J. Brown

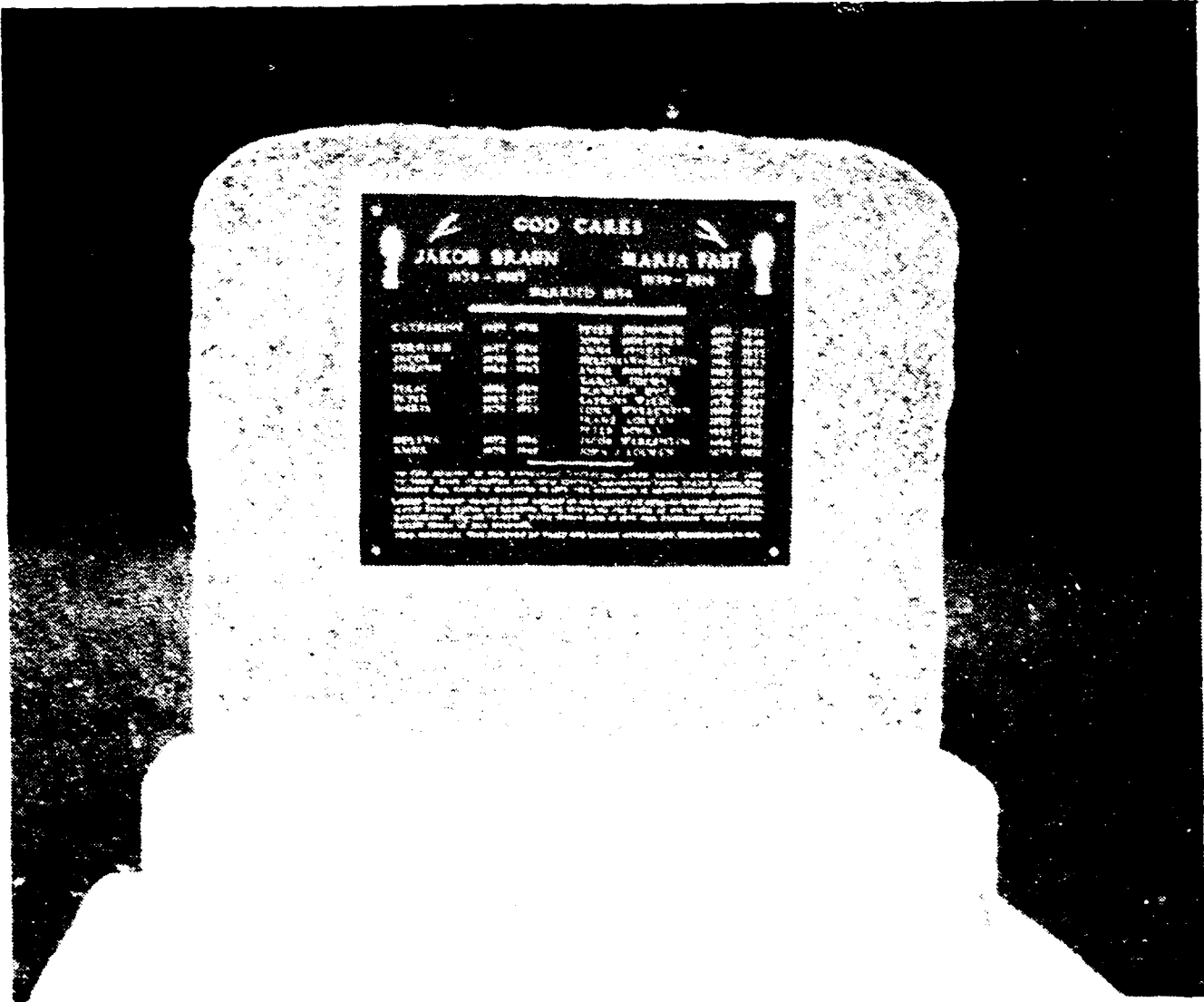


Jacob Brown, Winnipeg, and Jacob Brown, Lowe Farm unveiling the Braun Memorial.



Peter Wolfe, Morden; Frank Brown, P. J. Brown, P. M. Hoepfner, G. I. Brown, after placing the Brown memorial on concrete foundation. (Missing from picture, Peter Brown, Wpg.)

THE BRAUN MEMORIAL



GOD CARES
JAKOB BRAUN MARIA FAST
1834-1903 1834-1914
Married 1854

Katharina	1855-1936	Peter Hoepfner	1851-1921
		John Hoepfner	1857-1946
Gerhard	1857-1932	Anna Janzen	1861-1935
Jacob	1859-1929	Helena Warkentin	1861-1953
Johann	1865-1943	Anna Hoepfner	1863-1936
		Maria Toews	1870-1941
Isaac	1866-1919	Aganetha Dyck	1868-1957
Peter	1870-1917	Katrina Wiebe	1870-1949
Maria	1870-1963	Corn. Warkentin	1866-1901
		Franz Loewen	1852-1919
		Peter Buhr	1863-1936
Helena	1873-1966	Jacob Warkentin	1864-1945
Anna	1875-1948	John J. Loewen	1873-1932

To the memory of our pioneering ancestors, Jakob Braun and Maria Fast, to their nine children and their spouses, immigrants from South Russia, who nearly all came to Manitoba in 1875, this memorial is respectfully dedicated.

Jakob was first buried in the garden of his homestead, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ -S1-T2-R5W, at Osterwick. A few years later his remains were moved to the farm of his eldest daughter, Katharina, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ -S16-T2-R5W. When Maria died in 1914 her remains were placed beside those of her husband.

This memorial was erected by third and fourth generation descendents in 1972.

Following the instructions of the 1971 Family Reunion the Committee in charge of that event met about a month later to take steps to carry out the instructions to erect a memorial monument to the memory of the pioneers of the Braun family who had come to Canada in 1875.

The essential resolutions made and endorsed at that September meeting in the Winkler Credit Union board room included:

1. To erect a stone marker on the Glencross cemetery for the Braun pioneers.
2. To purchase a separate plot from the Glencross Cemetery Association.
3. To include the names of the nine children of Jakob and Maria Braun and also the names of their spouses on the bronze plaque.
4. That an attempt be made to obtain a suitable granite field stone of a bluish-gray color, of a suitable size and that a bronze plaque be attached to it.

5. To open an account at the Winkler Credit Union in the name of the Jakob Braun Memorial Group.

6. That Frank Brown and Elma Brown be the signing authorities for the fund.

7. That this memorial be unveiled at a family gathering during the summer of 1972.

8. That donations be now accepted to pay for the costs involved in this project.

To pay for the plot to be purchased donations were received from all the committee members present.

9. That Mr. Frank Brown, as secretary, write Mr. John Buchanan, secretary of the Glencross Cemetery Association, enclosing a cheque for \$25.00 to pay for Plot No. 34 on the cemetery.

A 5' x 3' x 1' steel reinforced concrete foundation was poured on plot No. 34 in the autumn of 1971. Next spring a second layer of reinforced concrete, measuring 54" x 16" x 12" was added to the foundation to give the granite slab more height.

A serious attempt was made to find a suitable field stone below, on and above the Pembina Hills escarpment for this purpose. Peter J. Brown and Peter Brown, Winnipeg, spent the better parts of two days in a futile search for such a stone. On another occasion Frank Brown and George I. Brown joined them in a further attempt to keep down the costs of the undertaking. After a trip to the Lac du Bonnet granite quarries, a bluish-gray granite stone about 4' x 4' x 8" was located on the Memorial Marble yard and purchased for spring delivery.

Estimates on the cost of a bronze plaque were also obtained.

The above-mentioned granite slab dressed down to 48" x 42" x 8". It was cemented onto the foot-high foundation and the 28" x 24" bronze plaque was then securely attached onto it.

Aside from the financial contributions the committee received to cover all of the expenses involved in this project, a small group of these donors also gave of their time, their labor and the use of their vehicles for many hundreds of miles of travelling.

George I. Brown gave many hours of labor and the use of his truck for hauling gravel and lumber (which he also donated); Peter J. Brown hauled the granite slab from Winnipeg to Glencross, he hauled the gravel for the second concrete slab, all with his car and trailer; he was in on all the construction and he was also involved in the search for and the selection of the granite stone. He also provided many hours of labor as well as his skill and know-how about concrete work. Peter Brown, Fort Garry, built the sturdy, all-steel frame for the one foot high top tier foundation slab. This frame was a real time and labor saver. Frank Brown donated time and labor in the construction of the foundations and in the emplacement of the stone on the concrete foundation. He

also made special trips of inspection to check the completed product and he pronounced them good. As secretary he took care of the bank account and of the letter writing involved. Peter M. Hoepfner assisted with the hard labor of placing the stone on its concrete base.

Special mention must be made of the assistance Mr. Peter Wolfe of Morden gave the committee. He was approached for the use of his hoist equipped truck to place the granite slab onto the foundation, but he did much better than that. He personally arrived with his hoist at the Glencross cemetery, operated and supervised the operation of moving the heavy stone from P. J. Brown's trailer on to the prepared foundation smoothly and efficiently.

Moreover, all donated their labor, the use of their cars and vehicles and equipment. This was to be expected from the family members, but Mr. Wolfe's contribution was vital and it was entirely altruistic. Thank you, Mr. Wolfe.

The small credit balance indicated in the Financial Statement below will be used to assist in the care-taking of the cemetery.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT The Jakob Braun Memorial Group

Receipts

Donations:—

Frank Brown, Winkler	\$ 61.50
Peter Brown, Waverley St., Winnipeg	50.00
Peter Brown, Fort Garry	37.00
Elma Brown, Winkler	36.50
Annie Brown, Winkler	36.50
John Warkentine, Mendota, Calif.	30.00
R. P. Browne, Winnipeg	25.00
Brown family, Susan et al	25.00
George I. Brown, Winkler	20.00
J. C. Warkentin, Winkler	20.00
Mrs. G. E. Wiebe, 7th St., S., Winkler	20.00
Mrs. Elizabeth Giesbrecht	15.00
Mary J. Loewen, Winnipeg	15.00
John J. Warkentin, Winkler	15.00
Mrs. G. E. Wiebe, 13th St.	15.00
P. M. Hoepfner, Winkler	11.00
Rev. David Brown, Winnipeg	10.00
Mrs. Helen Brown, Calgary	10.00
Helen Brown, Didsbury	10.00
Isaac Brown, Linden	10.00
Jim Brown, Winnipeg	10.00
Peter J. Brown, Jubilee Ave., Winnipeg	10.00

Wilfred B. Brown, Morden	10.00
Mrs. J. E. Dyck, Altona	10.00
Gus Heinrichs, Henderson, Neb.	10.00
Frank & Marie Loewen, Calgary	10.00
Mrs. Elizabeth Martens, Morden	10.00
John Neufeld, Winnipeg	10.00
J. H. Rempel family, Morden	10.00
A. Sawatzky, Morden	10.00
Mrs. Anne Stobbe, Altona	10.00
C. C. Warkentin, Morden	10.00
George Warkentin, Altona	10.00
Peter Warkentin, Haskett	10.00
Alvin Wiebe, Morden	10.00
Rev. Gordon Brown, Elm Creek	5.00
Harry Brown, Winkler	5.00
Jake I. Brown, Plum Coulee	5.00
Jake & Lucy Brown, Winnipeg	5.00
Mrs. Tina Brown, Morden	5.00
Mrs. Tina Brown, Winnipeg	5.00
Mrs. Sadie Epp, Altona	5.00
Catherine Fehr, Morden	5.00
Mrs. Anne Evans, Winnipeg	5.00
Mrs. Ruth Enns, Altona	5.00
A. I. Hoepner, Morden	5.00
Mrs. Peter Hoepner, Winkler	5.00
Mrs. Dave Loewen, Winnipeg	5.00
John P. Loewen, Grande Prairie	5.00
Mrs. John R. Thiesen, Salem, Oregon	5.00
Mrs. Margaret Sawatzky, Winnipeg	5.00
Jake Wiebe, Morden	5.00
Rev. John H. Warkentin, Glencross	5.00
Tina Brown, Morden	2.00
Mrs. Mary Heinrichs	2.00
P. I. Hoepner, Morden	2.00
Mrs. Dorothy Johnson, Winnipeg	2.00
Ruth E. Rempel, Prince George, BC	2.00
E. Hoepner, Morden	1.00
H. Hoepner, Morden	1.00
By returned bag of cement	1.00
By interest	0.24
By Loan, May 12, 1972	<u>450.00</u>
Total receipts, September 15, 1972	\$1175.74

Academy of the New Church
Bryn Athyn, PA. 19009.

Dear Mr. Brown,

I am a fairly close relative of yours. My mother is Susanna Warkentin. My grandmother Warkentin was a Braun. I understand you are working on a Braun family tree. I was wondering if you could somehow provide me with a copy of your family tree by some duplicating method. Any information you can give me on the Braun or the Warkentin family I would greatly appreciate.

Your sincere relative,
Dennis John Warkentin.

Jacob Braun Memorial Group — Expenditures

Sept. 21, 1971, Glencross Cemetery Plot No. 34	\$ 25.00
Oct. 19, 1971, Valley Concrete Ltd.	25.96
Oct. 19, 1971, Stanley Consumers Co-op, gravel	5.36
Nov. 20, 1971, Memorial Marble & Tile Co., Winnipeg	50.00
May 12, 1972, Bay Bronze, Winnipeg, plaque	395.22
May 12, 1972, Memorial Marble & Tile Co., Winnipeg	183.44
May 12, 1972, Two bags of cement	2.84
June 26, 1972, Winkler Credit Union on loan	295.72
June 26, 1972, Winkler Credit Union interest on loan	4.28
July 5, 1972, Winkler Credit Union on loan	125.00
July 22, 1972, Winkler Credit Union on loan	29.28
July 22, 1972, Winkler Credit Union interest on loan .....	.16
Total expenditures, September 15, 1972	1142.26
Credit Balance at the Winkler Credit Union, Sept. 15, 1972 ..	33.48

Frank Brown, Secretary
Elma Brown, Cosignatory

THE
JAKOB BRAUN MEMORIAL MONUMENT
Dedication and Unveiling Programme at the Glencross Cemetery
Sunday, June 25, 1972, at 1:30 PM
Chairman — Peter Brown

1. Opening Service — Peter M. Hoepfner, Winkler
2. Hymn — "What a Friend We Have in Jesus."
3. Unveiling the Memorial — All the Jacob Browns present — five known and invited
4. Recognition of Senior Members of the Family — aged 80 years plus
5. Special Duet by the Elmer Dycks for the Senior Members
6. Memorial Message by the Rev. Gordon Brown, Elm Creek
7. Dedicatory Prayers: Rev. John Warkentin, Glencross, Rev. David Brown, Winnipeg

8. Hymn: "Blest Be The Tie That Binds"
9. Presentation of Financial Statement — Frank Brown, Winkler
10. Appeal for Contributions — Peter Brown, Fort Garry
11. Progress Report on the Family Register — a 200-page publication entitled "The Brauns of Osterwick," by Peter Brown, Winnipeg
12. Lunch and Visitations



Left — Elma Brown entertaining for Aunt Annie.
 Right — Jacob and Mary Rempel's Golden Wedding.

BIOGRAPHICAL SERMON on the JAKOB BRAUNS
delivered at the unveiling of the Braun Memorial on the
Glencross Cemetery, June 25, 1972

Text: Joshua 24:15-27

Introduction

I do not claim to have any special gifts in preaching or in communicating such as my great-grandfather probably had because he could speak German to an Englishman who would reply in English and they could understand each other.

There are three rules to public speaking: Stand up, speak up and shut up. I have done the first two already; now, for the third.

Most of my information about the Jakob Brauns I have obtained from Peter Brown, my father's cousin, our chairman. When he visited me in the hospital and briefed me on his grandparents he usually quoted chapter and verse to show where he had obtained the information. This just goes to show that none of us are "genuines," no one knows it all and usually we are quoting other people.

Their Occupation

The Jakob Brauns were farmers, and quite good ones too. Grandfather was really particular about how his land was being worked. This is good but when others work your land it may well lead to problems.

He was also a blacksmith. He made harrows for himself and for his neighbors. He sharpened plow shares and built closed-in cutters. What likely required more ingenuity was his water pump that consisted of buckets attached to an endless chain that ran over two sprockets, one above the well-cover and the other in the water in the well. With a crank on the top sprocket a strong arm could do wonders.

From this we can see that he was an aggressive and intelligent farmer capable of solving vexing problems for his family. He was the first in the village to replace oxen with horses. All in the family knew hard work and hardships.

Great-grandma was a typical Mennonite mother. She was hospitable, a good cook and charitable. Friends and neighbors stopping by were usually invited to stay for lunch and would be sent on their way with some farm or garden produce.

When they came to Manitoba in 1875 they were a really poor family. Of the total fare for the whole family from South Russia they were able to make but a small down payment. Both were about forty-one years of age at the time. They had nine children, ranging in age from twenty years to six months. All of us should thank the Lord that they left Russia and came to Canada at that time. It takes faith for an undertaking like that. Where would we be today if they had not come? Perhaps still in Russia, without freedom of worship and so on.

It seems that Jakob Braun could read and write, because he could calculate the acreage of a piece of land. It is very important that every one be able to read and write so that all can read the Bible, as well as other books, for themselves rather than being dependent on hearsay.

Their Religious Life

The Jakob Brauns belonged to the Old Colony church, which, it appears, they joined in Russia in 1854 when they were baptized and also when they were married. In the New Testament times people were baptized when they became Christians, but for a period of time in church history people were baptized so that they might marry. Upon their arrival in Manitoba their names were entered into the Osterwick Old Colony Church register.

The Old Colony Church of that day controlled the day to day activities of its members quite closely. This included their schools, their fire insurance and also their division of all the land owned individually by the property owners of the village. Fire insurance and school control posed no problems. Their system of strip farming was a different matter. All the cultivated land was divided into strips and each freeholder was assigned that number of strips into which his own land was divided. There were several distinct advantages in this system, but one serious drawback could nullify all the good inherent in it. Jakob decided

that he was being short-changed in this plan. He took his land out of the village land pool and he moved his farm yard from the village onto his own farm. For this action he was banned by the church elders, the year was probably about 1890.

When we look back at this action we should really be thankful because all things work together for good to them that love God. Rom. 8:28. As they broke from the Old Colony traditions they also left the Old Colony church. Tradition is good but not when it is contrary to scripture. It is generally accepted that later Jakob and Maria Braun joined the Sommerfelder Church.

I believe that they were probably children of God. I have, however, always said that my job is not to try to make people good after they are dead, but rather before they die.

I believe they were Christians because Grandfather and his hired man always had a game they played at the end of the day, particularly during threshing. This consisted of wrestling to see who could put the other over the partition into the grain bin, and they did this without becoming angry with each other. This is one of the signs of being dead to self. Rom. 6:11.

JAKOB, THE MAN

I feel I can prove that my Great-grandfather was a considerate man. One of his hired men had only one horse. Without asking permission to stable and feed this horse with those of his employer, the man did so quite on his own. Grandfather's reaction was characteristic;

"I see your horse is a perfect match for my driver. Why don't you put it into the stall with mine? Then when I want a team of drivers, I'll use yours and when you want a team you use mine." This is real love and sharing.

On his death bed one of his sons sang the gospel hymn "Gather Them In" for him. This shows that he was in favor of this theme or else his son would not have chosen a song from the "Evangelium Lieder" book.

I would like to add this, however, that they probably lacked the assurance of Salvation because this was not taught in either of the churches that they attended.

As for Maria Braun, I know little about her. This perhaps because in those days mothers were quiet. But as a rule what was true of the father was also true for the mother. Their experiences were usually similar.

THE DEATH OF JAKOB BRAUN

Mr. Braun died February 27, 1903. He had fallen through the hay loft floor upon a grain wagon parked below thereby breaking his collar bone. He died as a result of inflammation setting in. He was only 69.

The Bible says "And it is appointed unto men once to die but after this the judgment." From this we see that our forefathers also had to die. Grandpa was buried in his garden firstly but when complaints and ugly rumours appeared his remains were moved to the Peter Hoepner farmstead.

Grandma Braun died in 1914 at the age of eighty-one years. Death did not pass her by. She had to follow her man in death.

The average age of the Jakob Braun family members was about seventy-three years. But they all had to die. And all of us will one day have to go that way. The question now is, Are we ready to meet God?

CONCLUSION

On this memorial monument we read "God Cares." I believe we should be very thankful today that God does care, and for the way he cares for us.

He cared for our forefathers.

He cared for our fathers.

And he cares for us.

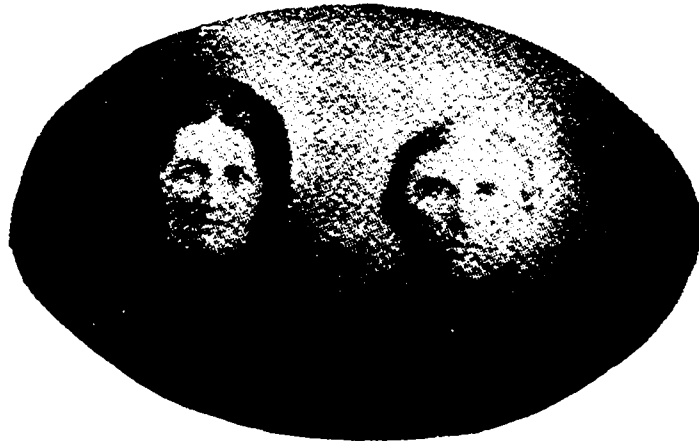
He cares more for us than we do because He loves us so much.

And that is the reason why it is so important that we get on His side.

Joshua said to the children of Israel "Choose you this day."

If we do this then we can truly say this memorial is for a testimony because "God Cares."

Rev. Gordon Brown.
R.R. 4, Leamington, Ont.



THE BRAUN MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

Seated, l-r: Mrs. Helen Brown, Mrs. Mary Wiebe (7th St.), Mary J. Loewen, Elma Brown, Anne Stobbe, Mrs. Mary Wiebe (13th St.);
Second row: George I. Brown, Peter Brown (Ft. Garry), Mrs. Margaret Brown, Mrs. Anne Brown, Mrs. Mary Brown, David Stobbe, Frank Brown, (Secretary);
Third row: P. M. Hoepfner, P. J. Brown, W. B. Brown, P. G. Brown, (Chairman), J. J. Wiebe, A. L. Wiebe.

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