


The Frankos In Canada



A Family History



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"A Family History"

The Family

The family is like a book;
The children are the leaves;
The parents are the covers;
That protecting beauty gives.

At first the pages of the book
Are blank and purely fair,
But time soon writeth memories
And painteth pictures there.

Love is the little golden clasp
That bindeth up the trust,
Oh, break it not lest all the leaves
Should scatter and be lost.

(Author unknown)

No one can walk backwards into the future

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John Franko

S P E C I A L T H A N K S

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All the members of the Franko Family and of the editorial committee for "The Frankos in Canada" would like to move a special vote of thanks to John Franko of Kamsack, Saskatchewan, who first conceived the dream for "The Frankos in Canada" and without whom it would never have made it into print. John encouraged those who needed encouragement and chastised those who needed to be hurried up. He talked up the project at every opportunity, prodded family photographs out of us who were shy, and spent endless hours writing and telephoning. The book is his book. Thanks to him, it has become ours.

I N T R O D U C T I O N

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Every book has its own story to tell. And so it is with our book, THE FRANKOS IN CANADA "A Family History".

The purpose is to share our memories of the past with present and future generations. This need was brought into focus in the summer of 1984 when there was serious discussion among some of the members of the Franko family. The task of initiating and undertaking the work fell on my shoulders (I must have acquiesced).

The point of origin was to be Gregory and Zanchera Franko, the Patriarch and the Matriarch, as I refer to them in the book. Five of their children in Canada and Victoria in the Old Country formed the basis for this family history. The five members in Canada comprise the five clans. And now through six generations the Franko descendants scattered throughout Canada and the United States number about 360 strong.

We intended to seek information on earlier generations, but at the outset we discovered that we were unable to penetrate Soviet officialdom. Recollections provided by the existing family did not yield much data. Nor was much said regarding the journey: the departure from the Village in Ukraine, passage through the ports in Europe, sailing the high seas, arrival in the Port of Halifax, travel to the west and eventual settlement on their respective homesteads.

I believe we must be forever grateful to our forefathers, Gregory and Zanchera Franko, for opting to choose Canada as their adopted homeland. The descendants have progressed and flourished because of the opportunities Canada has given them, and because Gregory and Zanchera opened the way. What we recall of their struggle in doing so is described in the initial pages of this book.

The first draft of the letter setting our information required for the book went out to contact persons for each of the five clans. A second letter, somewhat revised, went out to all family members for whom addresses were available, shortly thereafter. People began responding almost immediately. When the first draft of the material was received another member of

each clan was asked to review it, rearrange and revise it, if necessary and re-write or type it in a manner that would be acceptable to the printers.

Histories are not written in haste. There were many understandable delays. As the first letter went out some family members began promoting a reunion. It sounded feasible so it took precedence over the history book. Work shifted to the reunion and in August, 1985 it came about. A resume of this event is contained in the book. Work on the book gained impetus because of the reunion.

The project started out as a joint effort and was maintained as such through several years. The Franko Family has created something of value, I believe, something for posterity.

/jff

"Family ties
Are precious bonds
That passing time endears
For they begin with memories
Of our happy childhood years"

(Author Unknown)

INFORMATION gleaned from a larger copy:

Hamburg American Lines

departure

From - Hamburg, Ship POLAKIA on 16 April 1899

Thru - Baulongue (in France)

c/o - the Harbours of Halifax and New York

From passenger list:	<u>Homeland</u>	<u>Country or State</u>
Franko Ilia 21	Wadlantz (?)	Oest Austria
Stefan 19	(Waselovitz	
Pidhorney George 17	no doubt)	

The Registrar at the time wrote down what he thought he heard the person say - most likely German and so spelled that way.

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HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE.

Verzeichniss

der mit dem *Langer* Dampfschiffe

am 16. April 1891 von

Langer

Ausfahrt
über

Calcutta nach dem Osten

Calcutta beforderten Auswanderer

Nur zu einer Familie gehörende Personen sind
untereinander zu schreiben und durch eine Nummer
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ZANCHERA

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Gregory FRANKO - The Patriarch

Zanchera FRANKO (Lopaschuk) - The Matriarch

Gregory was born in 1847 in the Village of Vaselovets, Powit, Chernivtsi, Bukovina, Ukraine (under Austria-Hungary at the time). Zanchera was born in the same village in 1859.

Gregory and Zanchera came to Canada in 1900 with three of their children, Paraskevia, Nichola and Wasyl. The two older brothers, Ilia and Stefan, had come alone the previous year. The oldest child, Victoria, remained in the Old Country, much against her wishes. She was married and could not leave.

At the outset they homesteaded on NW 18-29-7, W2nd, but abandoned it because the soil contained too many stones. They took up permanent residence on the NE 14-29-7, W2nd, near the Whitesand River north of Theodore. Dominion Lands issued a Grant to this land on June 5, 1907.

The earliest Ukrainian immigrants, and Gregory and Zanchera belong here, were men and women who were driven by poverty, oppression and hopelessness to turn their backs on the only world they had ever known - their native village - and make the journey of thousands of miles to Canada, because it offered them hope for the future in the form of land enough for themselves and their children. They came to a country in which mere survival was a challenge. Yet they not only survived; they did well, and in time, turned desolate tracts of forest and marsh into the rich farmlands that now extend across the western provinces.

The application for Homestead Patent shows that Gregory and Zanchera:

broke 2 acres in 1902 and cropped 2 acres,
broke 1 acre in 1903 and cropped 3 acres,
broke 2 acres in 1904 and cropped 5 acres,
broke 4 acres in 1905 and cropped 9 acres,
broke 9 acres in 1906 and cropped 15 acres. At the time of the application they had 12 head of cattle, a log house with thatched roof, 14 x 36, one strand of wire on two sides of the

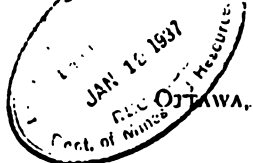
farm, a stable, a granary and a well. All these improvements cost a goodly sum of \$330.

Gregory passed away in 1919 at age 72 and was buried in the Riverside Church cemetery north of Theodore. Zanchera lived to age 80, passing away in 1939, and also was buried there. She remained on the homestead for most of her widowed years, living with her youngest son, Wasyl (in a shanty of her own) who took over the family farm. When she became of pensionable age she saved a portion of her pension. With it she bought a church bell that is still in use at Riverside Church. There is a little story about the bell. When Grandmother, Zanchera turned 70 she received her Old Age Security cheque of \$10 and proclaimed, "With my pension money I shall buy a church bell". Some friend or relative informed the OAS people about this. The Inspector intervened and her pension cheque was reduced to \$5. On Sunday, July 15, 1985 six great-grandchildren climbed the belfry and rang all three bells. "This is for 'Buna'" they said, meaning Great Grandmother Zanchera.

Prepared by J. Franko, Sept. 8/86

File No. 685669

Department of the Interior.



JUN 18 1907

Sir:—

I have to inform you that a patent for N. E. 1/4
of Section 14 in Township 29
Range 7 West of the 2nd Meridian,
bearing date the 5th
June 1907 has issued in your name, and that
it has been forwarded to the Registrar of the Land Registration
District of ASSINIBOIA.
who will issue the certificate of title upon receipt of your application to
him therefor, and upon payment of the proper fees, if any.

For this purpose please place yourself in communication
with that official, giving him your full name and your Post Office
address. His address is THE REGISTRAR,
Regina, Sask.

I am Sir,

Your obedient servant,

PERLEY G. KEYES,

Secretary.

To Gregory Franko, Esq.
Theodore
Sask

Sworn Statement of _____

Gregory Frank in support
of his application for Homestead Patent for W.C.
of Section 14 Twp. 29 Rge. 7 of 2 Meridian.

1. What is your name in full, age, occupation and Post Office address?

2. Are you a British subject by birth or naturalization? If naturalized, state when and where.

3. When did you obtain entry for this homestead?

4. When did you build your house thereon? And when did you begin actual residence thereon?

5. What portion of each year since that date have you resided thereon? State each month, or part thereof.

6. When absent from your homestead where have you resided and what has been your occupation?

7. If you have lived on land owned by yourself in the vicinity, answer the following questions:—

(a.) Describe such land.

(b.) When did you become the owner of it?

(c.) How did you acquire it?

(d.) What buildings have you on it?

(e.) Do you own the mill land at the present time?

(f.) What residence have you performed on it?

8. Of whom do your family consist; when did they first commence residence upon this homestead, and for what portion of each year since that date have they resided upon it?

9. How much breaking have you done upon your homestead in each year since you obtained entry, and how many acres have you cultivated each year?

10. How many harned cattle, horses, sheep and pigs, of which you are owner, have you had on your homestead each year since date of perfecting entry? Give number in each year.

11. What is the size of your house on your homestead, of what material, and what is its present cash value?

12. What extent of fencing have you made on your homestead, and what is the present cash value thereof?

13. What other buildings have you erected on your homestead? What other improvements have you made thereon, and what is the cash value of the same?

14. Are there any indications of minerals or quarries on your homestead? If so, state nature of same, and whether the land is more valuable for agricultural than any other purpose.

15. Have you had any other homestead entry? If so, describe it and say what became of it?

16. Have you mortgaged, assigned or transferred, or agreed to mortgage, assign or transfer your present homestead or any part thereof? If so, when and to whom?

Form No. 158

Gregory Frank 59 years
Head of family
Applied for certificate
30 February 1907
May 1902 1 July 1902

Continuous

Section _____ Tp. _____ Rge. _____

NO SEED GRAIN INCUBATOR

I have 3 children lived
also upon the homestead.

Year 1902	2	acres, cropped	2	acres
Year 1903	1	"	3	"
Year 1904	2	"	5	"
Year 1905	4	"	9	"
Year 1906	7	"	15	"
Year 1907	"	"	"	"

I have 12 head of cattle

Log house (ditched) of 14x16-200%
2 sheds one wire - 30%
Stable - January - 100%

agriculture
(Yes W. 18-29-70) Lat and Long

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DL

PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

To wit:

I, Gregory Franko do solemnly swear that the answers to the foregoing questions are true and correct in every particular. That I claim a Patent for this Homestead under the provisions of the "Dominion Lands Act."

That I obtained an entry, and claim a Patent for the same for my own benefit, and not in the interest or for the benefit of any other person or persons whatsoever.

SO HELP ME GOD.

Sworn before me at YORKTON
this 20 day of February 1907
having first been read over and explained to the said applicant.

Rich. L. Leveson
Agent of the Dominion Lands, or
Senior Assistant Dominion Lands.

Gregory Franko
Hides Bulky

Homestead Inspector for the YORKTON District.

I recommend the foregoing application for Patent, believing that the homestead requirements of the "Dominion Lands Act" have, in this case, been complied with.

Dated at YORKTON

14th March 1907

Jas. E. Leveson
Local Agent for Dominion Lands for YORKTON District.
Ottawa, 16 May 1907

Accepted as sufficient,

[Signature]
Commissioner.

DATE OF CERTIFICATE OF NATURALIZATION
RECEIVED AND RETURNED TO HOMESTEADER.
16-5-1907

The Officer taking this application for patent is requested to exercise particular care that the name of the homesteader is given in full and correctly spelt.

came 7/5/03.

H. O.
685669
Free entry

Form No. 90.

No. 2447

160 acres

Application for a Homestead Entry.

I, Gregory Franko
of Hessou Sash
do hereby apply for a Homestead Entry, under the provisions of the "Dominion Lands Act," for the
W.E. quarter-section of section number 114 of the
29 Township in the 7 Range west of the
Second Meridian.

Gregory Franko
District, Miss Chelaty
FEB 20 1907
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NOTE.—The statistical information called for below will be obtained and filled in by Agent when granting entry.

Number in family, including entrant.	NATIONALITY.	WHERE FROM.	PREVIOUS OCCUPATION.
5	Ruthenian	Austria	farmer

AFFIDAVIT IN SUPPORT OF

A Claim for a Homestead Entry by a person who has previously obtained, and has forfeited his Homestead Entry, but is permitted by the Minister of the Interior to obtain another Homestead Entry.

I, Gregory Franks, do solemnly Swear that I am over eighteen years of age; that to the best of my knowledge and belief the land in respect of which my application is made, is of the class open for Homestead Entry; that there is no person residing on the said land, nor are there any improvements thereon Exception done by myself for the last five years; that I obtained Homestead Entry on the 10. May day of May 1892, for the 1st quarter section of Section 18 Township 29 Range 7 of the 2nd Meridian, but forfeited the same; that by Order of the Minister of the Interior, which I now produce, I have been permitted to make application for and receive another Homestead Entry; and that this application is made for my exclusive use and benefit, with the intention of residing upon and cultivating the land applied for, and not, directly or indirectly, for the use or benefit of any other person or persons whomsoever.

Subscribed and Swear to this 20th

day of February 10 04

before me.

Rich. Kennedy
Senior Assistant Dominion Lands Local Agent.

Gregory x Franks
Witness

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Victoria LIPITSKI (Franko) and Hryhory

Victoria was the oldest child of Gregory and Zanchera. She was born in 1872 and remained in the Old Country. In 1900 the family immigrated to Canada, but she was unable to go as she was married. It was said that she regretted all her life not being able to come to Canada and so very often she was found in tears.

She married Hryhory Lipitski. They were childless. However, they adopted a boy by the name of Dmytro Morozowsky, who maintained his family name. He later married and from that union were born five sisters: Zenia Pidlubny (Dmytro), Victoria Nayda (Wasył), Olia Sandul (Dmytro), Domka Twerdochlib and Maryna Dzurowets (Wasył). These are the only known relatives in Ukraine. All five were visited by John and Marusia Franko, Rose and Dan Zederayko and Wasył Franko while on a tour to the Ukraine in 1970. They visited the Village of Vaselovetz and were shown the Franko plot where the original home was situated. Nothing remained but the well, overgrown with cranberry bushes. The plot had potatoes on it. Avdokia Morozowska, the oldest of the five sisters and the only one living in the village was visited in her own home (with shingled roof). She treated them royally that evening. They also visited the cemetery where Victoria was buried. It was rather neglected and the headstone (cross) was broken down. A year or two after this visit Avdokia's daughter, Olia and her husband Semen Wynnnychuk paid a return visit to Canada. Wasył sponsored them and happily took them around to other relatives.

Prepared by J. Franko, Sept. 8/86

WORLD VISITORS HERE FOR REUNION

SPECIAL - Aug. 10 and 11, the "Franko Family" descendants of Gregory and Zanchera Franko, congregated in the Yorkton area from many parts of the world to celebrate their first reunion.

Family members ranged in age from 87 year-old Nicolai Franko, the second youngest of the original Franko children to immigrate from Bukovina in Ukraine, to Daniel Zederayko, nine month-old grandchild of Rose (Franko) Zederayko.

The weekend began with a church service and Moleben at St. John the Baptist Ukrainian Orthodox Church on the Whitesand River north of Theodore, a few miles from the two original homesteads.

Called to the service by tolling bells, one of which was donated by Zanchera to the church, nearly 200 members assembled to worship with Rev. Myroslaw Parfenuik officiating.

A family choir closed the service with words modified from an old hymn to the motherland, "Great Merciful Lord, protect our family".

These words became a theme in the speeches and songs of the gathering. A requiem service or Panachyda, was then held over the graves of Gregory, who died in 1919, after he had lived only 19 years in Canada and of Zanchera, who died in 1939.

Their memories were blessed with paska baked by Katie, wife of Wasyl Franko, one of the five original children.

Paraska, 97-year-old wife of Stephan Franko and a resident at Foam Lake Nursing Home, briefly attended the service. Later, at the Riverside church hall, the five "clans" mingled over dinner.

They wore the newly-created family logo on clan ribbons. The logo is a Ukrainian "f" (Cyrillic) situated in the middle of a radiant flame.

The following day at the Ukrainian Orthodox Auditorium in Yorkton, each clan brought wishes to the whole family. The clans of Ilia and Stephan, the first two sons to come to Canada and who cleared the way for their parents' arrival, were represented by Gene Franko of Kelowna and Matt Franko of Toronto.

The clans of the three children who were brought to Canada later with their parents, Paraskevia, Nicolai, and Wasyl, were represented by Bill Kereluk of Yorkton, Violet Kilbach from

Nanaimo, and Vicki Wolf from Regina, respectively. John Franko was the chief organizer for the weekend.

Bill Franko from Wadena and Stefan Franko from Saskatoon were masters of ceremony for the two days.

They were assisted by a committee of Mary Franko, Kamsack, Rose Zederayko and Kay Daniels, Canora, Bill Kereluk and Dennis Drobot, Yorkton, and Sophie Soubolsky, Watson.

To begin the afternoon's program, the history of Franko pioneers in the Buchanan and Theodore areas were detailed. A progress report on a family history book was given. In a less serious vein, members of the Ilia Franko clan, Watson branch, produced a skit, "Frankos, Frankos, having a ball", using all the dramatic and musical talents at the disposal of the 41-member group. Next, the life of Ivan Franko was described by Leuba Bailey of Winnipeg. Some day it is hoped that a link between his ancestry and ours may be established.

Doug Daniels, Regina and Allan Franko, Edmonton, who devised an "Ivan Franko Lookalike Contest", presented prizes to the four winners: Dave Kapeluck of Prince Albert, Art Russel of Nipawin, Stefan Franko of Saskatoon and David Shumey of Dallas, Texas.

Monica Bailey of Winnipeg read a humorous poem, "The Fortune Teller", by Ivan Franko. Other members of the fifth generation performed: Tim Drobot of Yorkton did a guitar solo, Elissa and Bevin Franko of Calgary did a Ukrainian dance, and Tammy and Christine Fedorak of Saskatoon sang "Alouette".

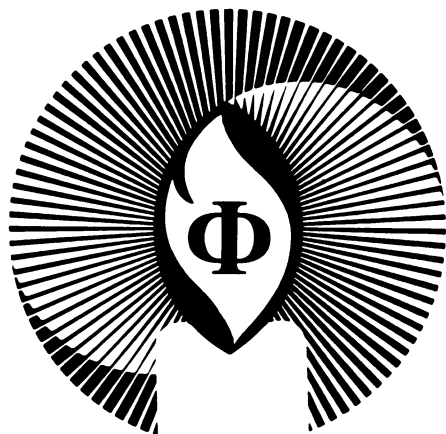
Bilingual musical talents emerged once more in an English and Ukrainian sing-song led by Roma Franko of Saskatoon, Dan Daniels of Canora offered grace for dinner served by the ladies of the Orthodox church. He also read his translation of the Ukrainian song, "De zhoda v Rodyni" or "Family Harmony" which concluded the celebrations on a thoughtful note:

Where there's family harmony
There's peace and tranquility
Fortunate the people
Blessed the locality
The Lord, He will them bless
His love they will possess
And He will with them be
Throughout eternity.

Reported by Leuba Bailey



REUNION - St. John the Baptist Ukrainian Orthodox Church



Clan I



Ilia and Erena



From L to R: Back row - Metro, Nick, Ilia, Dora
Front row - Mary, William, George, Kay, John, Rose

CLAN I

Ilia and Erena FRANKO (Pidhorny)

Ilia was the second child of Gregory and Zanchera, born in 1874. He grew up in the village and later went to school in Chernivtski where he studied for the priesthood. He was conscripted and served two years in the military. There was no prospect for a future at home. Emigration seemed to be the only solution. His father sold a morg or so of land to finance the journey. Ilia's younger brother Stefan also wanted to go and after much pleading Gregory consented. Ilia and Stefan travelled with George Pidhorny, who was later to become part of the family. The Hamburg-Amerika Lines shows a passenger list of:

Franko Ilia 21

Franko Stefan 19

Pidhorny George 17 departing from Hamburg on a ship, Polakia, on 16th April 1899, destined for Halifax. The three of them sought work wherever possible, mostly on farms and on the railroad. In one instance Ilia was required to haul 9 or 10 loads of hay a day, doing the loading, unloading and stacking all by himself.

In 1900 when the rest of the family migrated the Pidhornys also came. Ilia married Erena Pidhorny that year. She was born in 1880 in the same village. They raised nine children: Nick, Metro, Dora, George, John, Mary, Kay, William and Rose. Two others died in infancy.

Ilia was a church-goer all his life. He was a lifetime cantor, attending church every Sunday. All the children remember clearly that at the beginning of each day he would utter, "with God's help". At the end of each task his words were, "thank you God". It is also significant that there was no profanity at home. Saturday night everyone polished their shoes. Tomorrow was church.

Ilia and Erena took up their first homestead on the NE 2-30-7, W2nd, north of Theodore. They built a log house, some other buildings and began improving the land. But unfortunately it was found to be too stoney and Ilia began looking for another homestead. Their second and final home was the NE 32-30-6, W2nd, closer to Buchanan (R.M. of Good Lake 274) to which he obtained title in 1908. Detailed information of his application for Homestead Patent (obtained from the Saskatchewan Archives) is published elsewhere. To move to the new place they dismantled the log house, marked the logs and hauled them by wagon. Erena tried to dissuade Ilia from moving. It required repeating the plastering of the house, which was her responsibility. She cried, but to no avail.

Life was difficult, particularly for the children. Despite endless chores and the frequent need to help full-time, most made

an effort to finish public school. First there was the Vaselovitz School (3 1/2 miles) and then Gravel Hill (1 1/2 miles). Erena passed away during the flu epidemic (November 5, 1918) and Dora had to take over the household duties at the tender age of 12 years. Ilia assumed a double role of father and mother. He did the more difficult chores such as kneading bread, washing clothes and scrubbing floors, until Dora was capable of handling them. Children will remember Dad singeing the hair on his arms prior to kneading dough. The oven ("peech") was inside now and it wasn't easy to place the loaves of bread in the hot oven with a long-handled "lopata".

When winter came there was perpetual wood hauling, both for the home and for sale. Two loads of wood were cut and hauled into town each day to sustain the grocery account. In the summertime the democrat (2-seated buggy) was the chief mode of transportation, to church, or wherever.

To illustrate the difficulty that a language barrier could create, here is an incident that George remembers. He was taking woodwork in school after hours. The teacher was Mr. Henwood, who was teaching in the neighboring school. (Mrs. Henwood taught in Gravel Hill.) George's project was to make a wheelbarrow. Dad gave money to George for payment for the materials used, but upon completion it was learned that the finished product cost more. Dad was asked to come in. The following conversation ensued....

Dad: "Mr. Henwood, who buy barrow? You buy barrow, me buy barrow, who buy barrow?"

Mr. Henwood: "Who buy barrow? You buy barrow. Get outside, get outside."

Everyone felt badly. Eventually Dad took the wheelbarrow home. It was a valued item around the home for many years and the unhappy memories lingered even longer.

Ilia remarried in 1926, to Mary Lungul, a widow with seven children of her own. They had two more children, Victoria and Michael. Ilia passed away on July 21, 1935 at age 61. Both Ilia and Erena were buried in the Mamornitz cemetery, known as the Ukrainian Orthodox Parish of Marmornitz, located on the NW 24-30-7, W2nd.

Mary Lungul was born in Western Ukraine, Province of Bukovina on August 1st, 1895, and came to Canada in 1909. After Ilia passed away she remarried and moved onto a portion of the homestead. They lived there for a number of years after which they moved to Buchanan. She passed away on April 13, 1976.

Prepared by J. Franko



Nick and Mary - 2 days
after wedding



Nick and Mary -
50th Anniversary
February 11, 1973



L to R: Eugene, Joe, Steve, Anne, Sophie and William



Nick and Mary's log house. Can you find the door to attic?

NICK ALEX FRANKO

NICK ALEX was born on December 10, 1901, in Buchanan, Saskatchewan, more specifically, the Dobronowitz District. He was the first born to ELI and ERENA FRANKO.

Nick learned what hard work was all about very early in life, for when he wasn't helping with the farm during the summer, he was helping with the log cutting through the winter. In spite of, or perhaps because of the hard work, Nick achieved a grade 6 education (Wasolowitz School), a pretty high standard in those days.

1919 - Nick's first business venture was, together with his dad, the purchase of a threshing outfit consisting of a tractor and a separator. As luck would have it, (back luck that is) the crops were poor for the next few years. This meant the loss of their threshing outfit and their \$1000 investment. The bankers were just as unsympathetic then as they are now.

1923 - Nick married MARY, daughter of Nick and Annie Badiuk. In those days it was traditional to have separate pre-marriage celebrations, one at the bride-to-be's home and one at the groom's home. (Today we have bridal showers and stags for the groom.) The partying all over for the time being, Nick and Mary were wed in the Mamornitz Church on February 11, 1923. More good old singing and dancing took place, only now they had a mixed party. This may well have been their first real mixed party. After the wedding and traditional celebration, Nick took Mary home, home being Mary's newly acquired in-law's. We can all appreciate that this situation did not last long, for by the spring of the same year they moved to their own little farm house nearer to Mary's parents. Here they gathered up their dowry of four cows, three horses, a dog and cat and set up temporary housekeeping.

1924 - During the early days of their marriage, Nick worked with the C.N.R. section gang at Tiny (and it was tiny!). A portion of Nick's earnings of \$20 per month plus occasional wood sales were saved until they had enough money (\$50) for a down payment for their first farm. Things were looking better for in that same year Nick bought his second threshing outfit. This time he ran the whole crew; that was easy, because he was the whole crew. He tells us he was everything from separator man to the spike pitcher around his outfit while Mary with her own team and rack pitched and hauled sheaves with all the men. Twenty-one days of straight threshing that year, a good year!

1925 - Bill was born and like any young, excited parent Nick immediately made plans for Bill's christening and subsequent celebration. The plans consisted of making some "white wine" (since refined to white lightning) for the boys. In the middle

of this delicate refinement, he was interrupted by an unannounced visit from the land agent/inspector. Nick, being a quick thinker, quickly intercepted his caller and ushered him to the barn where he pretended (?) he had matters to attend to. The inspector, having now been provided the information he required, left the farm site.

1926 - The entire enterprise of 5 horses, 4 cows and a variety of equipment moved to Theodore (the Seaman's Place). Not long after they set up there, Sophie was born. Farming at this new place was not much better than what they had just left. Nick was getting itchy feet again.

1927 - Nick heard of a place called Wimmer (near Watson) that was supposed to have good farming and reasonable homestead prices. In the spring of '27, Nick and John (Mary's brother) dismantled their log homes, loaded the logs onto a flat car and freighted them to Watson. Thus appeared the first prefab homes in Watson, maybe even in Saskatchewan!

These prefab log homes were quickly put together. Why not? They didn't have plumbing, wiring or inspectors to worry about. In case you forget, those log homes were wind-proofed with mud between the logs, the roofing was a rubberoid material prone to buckling in wet weather. During the days it rained for two outside, it rained for three inside.

Nick and Mary bought the land near Watson for \$4,800. The down payment of \$320 was made up of Nick's \$10, another \$10 borrowed from his brother Metro and \$300 borrowed from the bank at Buchanan. Thus, the Nick Franko family ensconced themselves in the district of Watson, more specifically, Section 5, Township 37, Range 17, West of the 2nd Meridian.

1928 - Farming near Watson took on a larger and more rewarding dimension for Nick cropped 80 acres and broke 100 more. Anne was born (the beginning of good times?).

1929 - Things were booming. Wheat sold for \$1.26 per bushel. Steve was born.

1930 - We all know or heard of the depression. Wheat dropped to 30 cents a bushel. Joe was born.

1931 - Not only was there a depression, but a severe drought set in. Eugene was born.

1932-1934 - Just plain tough times were interspersed with homemade socializing.

1936-1937 - Nick ventured into custom-threshing again and persevered to the point that at least he and his partners did not

lose money.

1938 - It was about this time that Nick decided that he needed more horsepower on the farm to pull his machinery around. He traded a team of horses for four mules. Nick quickly found out that M.P. (mule power) does not directly convert to H.P. (horse power). Remember that they didn't have any fancy calculators in those days. Some people suggest that Nick learned the true meaning of patience dealing with those innocent-looking but totally inactive animals. Mules do strange things to people; he went out and bought a 1938 Chev truck, red, of course.

1939-1941 - Intensive farming continued. You will remember that the nasty World War II started and with it the rationing of fuel, tires, sugar, etc. began.

1942 - Every once in awhile in a family's life,, a big event or change comes along. In Nick's family, it was the construction of a new and larger house. Gone were the days when as many as twelve people lived in the original two-room log house; gone were the days when the kids slept six abreast in one bed; gone was the need to plaster the log house every year; gone was the need to eat and sometimes sleep in shifts; gone were the pots and pans on the floor to catch the rain; gone were the very hot or very cold conditions in the "li'l ole log house". Gone, but never forgotten.

1943 - Nick was never one to simply sit back and accept things as they were. He was always thinking about trying out or trading items that might mechanize his farm operation. It was this type of personality that inspired him to purchase a barge. Barge, you say? Where's the water? No, no, this was a land barge especially designed (?) to carry large amounts of hay or sheaves over land to be stacked automatically or simply dumped for others to worry about. Sometimes you win; sometimes you lose (\$250 for that thing). "That thing" was soon replaced with a truly better concept of "bringing in the sheaves". Do you remember the front-end stook sweep? That unit satisfied Nick's harvest needs for a few years.

What happened to the barge, you ask? For the longest time it was parked (hidden) behind the machine shed where it provided the family and neighbours with many hours of imaginative entertainment. To some it was a pirate ship, or castle, a space ship (Buck Rogers), a prison, or just a plain old wind shelter. With all that entertainment centred around it, Nick didn't (or couldn't) sell or trade it for the longest time. The proceeds (\$20) eventually ended up being donated to the Watson Community Hospital.

1948 - Nick and Mary's Silver Anniversary. The "KIDS" will never forget the looks of total surprise, embarrassment (everyone was

just sitting around), and happiness on Nick and Mary's faces when they happened to glance out the window to see all those cars and trucks coming down the road and into the farm yard. They were totally surprised. Nick was speechless, but we all remember he wasn't so speechless later that day after a few glasses of the "white wine". That summer weekend was one grand party (February 11th is no time to have a party on the prairies).

1952 - Nick and Mary moved into their retirement home in Watson. It was a sad time for them, especially Mary. The farm was their home, their life, their roots.

Nick and Mary's community involvement was as follows:

- Nick served on the Ukrainian Orthodox Church council for over 40 years and on the Wimmer Hall executive for many years. Mary was a charter member of the Women's Association of the Holy Ascension Church of Wimmer and was an active member for over 50 years.
- Nick served on the Daisy School Board for roughly 12 years. He was one of the early organizers of the Watson Rural Telephone Company and served on that board for 19 years. He was a municipal councillor and Hospital Board member for 4 years.
- The Watson Curling Club made Nick an honorary member in appreciation of his many years of support and participation.
- Nick was a charter member of the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool in Buchanan and in 1974 was honoured at their 50th Anniversary celebration.

In 1973 Nick and Mary celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary, another gala affair that was held in Watson and was attended by hundreds and honoured in absentia by many Federal and Provincial dignitaries: T.C. Douglas, A.E. Blakeney, and P. Trudeau. This function served as a reunion as well as a commemoration of their Golden Anniversary. It is from functions such as these that we gather our memories.

FAMILY REFLECTIONS submitted by (S.B.)

Hospitality - Franko style: Most communities have a gathering place to which people simply gravitate to visit, to talk, to play, to laugh. These types of places have a real welcome and naturally relaxed atmosphere about them. Nick and Mary's home on the farm and in town was exactly that. We all remember the ball games, the card games, the great food and by no means the last, we remember the laughter of our young, happy days.

S.B. - The Kids

Tarzan: This was one of those fantasy games in which the oldest kid (Bill) got to pick the part he wanted. Up the tree went Tarzan while we lions growled our disapproval at the foot of the tree. Tarzan decided to attack the crawling, growling lions. Alas, he missed his vine and caught a broken branch in the rump instead. Tarzan let out his mighty yell, AAAIHEE (or something like that). The yell was very realistic, so the lions added enthusiasm to their part and promptly pounced on the screaming Tarzan. What a fight he put up! Jane did not come to the rescue; Jane knew that the yell was not one of bravery, passion or domination. As we remember it, we all simply left Tarzan to lick his own wounds.

S.B. - The Lions

Daisy School: All of Nick and Mary's kids took their elementary schooling at Daisy. We will always remember the fun times, the ball games, the Gopher snaring, the winter soccer, the spring hockey on spongy ice using frozen horse turds for pucks, the noon-hour horse races, the cowboys and Indians, the winter follow-the-leader walks to and from school, the war efforts to raise money, the Christmas concerts, the wet pants of the excited, the strapping of the deserved, those trips to neighbouring schools to play softball, (remember the red truck?) the spelling bees (yuk!), and, of course, the various teachers who tried to teach--some did.

S.B. - The Kids

The Nighthawks: The Watson Nighthawks were a pretty darn good softball team in their day (1948 to 1955), and it had to be Nick's favourite team. After all, it had all his boys playing on it. Nick was not only a fan but a very supportive participant because through the years of the Nighthawks he witnessed at least two cars go down the dugout, never to rise again. In fact, in 1952 he bought two cars, one for himself and one for the boys.

S.B. - The Nighthawk Fans

The Franko Family Bonspiel: Every Boxing Day, the Franko family has a bonspiel. The winning team is presented with the N.A. Franko Trophy which does not necessarily suggest that they were

the best curlers but rather the best partiers.

S.B. - The Winners of the Trophy

The Caboose: In the days before snowplows, Nick constructed a caboose to seat a large number of passengers comfortably. His design was very simple and light weight, namely, skids, canvas, benches, stove and spot light. We recall many upsets and the more exciting 'near' upsets. This caboose served as the shopping unit for the neighbourhood, the choir carrier for Christmas carollers, the towing unit for the ski surfers, etc. After many of these trips we would come home to mom's hot "gravy soup". To this day we are not sure how it was made.

S.B. - The Horses - Bonnie & Nancy

The Indoor Rodeos: When the grain quality was very poor (feed grade), or too abundant to sell, Nick would diversify to feeding livestock. Well, he didn't do as well as he expected because, unknown to him, most every winter evening the boys would gather in the barn and dare each other as to who could better ride ole Betsy and her feeder friends.

S.B. - Ole Betsy

The Old Red Chev Truck: Nick had a real, natural talent for keeping machines going, winter and summer. The old red truck was no exception; it had to be his pride and joy. The old truck (notice it is not so red anymore) served us well for many years and many occasions. Remember the school ball games? The berry-picking bees? The trips to Buchanan to see Baba and Gido and their treat of old cheese? The Saturday night trips to town--if you weren't ready to go home when the truck was, you walked.

S.B. - Ol' Red

The Fire of 1937: The Franko barn full of harnesses and 40 loads of hay went up in smoke in '37. It all started as a 'smudge' fire to keep the mosquitoes away.

S.B. - Not Gene Nor Joe

Nick's Wake-up Call: Like most kids, we were slow to get up in the morning. There was only one call and then Dad came in with the water.

S.B. - The Last One Out of Bed

Anne: Did you really always run to Mom for protection?

S.B. - Sophie

Barn Dances: A large barn (yes, red) was built about 1944. The enterprising Nick wasted little time in putting the loft to good

use by having several barn dances per season. The older kids got to dance and play, the younger kids got the empties and an 'education', and Nick got the proceeds. The barn is still being used for family functions.

S.B. - The Dancers

The Fire of 1939: Bill really wasn't a klutz, but on this occasion he used a petro product to stoke up the home fire. Zap! Instant redecoration.

S.B. - The Insurance Agent

The Yodeller: Milking the cows was primarily Steve's job. Some of us helped, but what helped most was Steve's yodelling. The more he yodelled, the more milk the cows gave.

S.B. - The Milkman

1981 - Nick lost his partner in life. Mary passed away on September 5, 1981.

1987 - Nick passed away on October 13, 1987.

No one can walk backwards into the future.

Make the least of the worst and the most of the best.



L to R: Karen (Richard's wife), Kelly, Bill, Joanne (Doug's wife), Doug, Theresa, Lyle, Selma (Wayne's wife), Wayne, Richard, and grandchildren, Andy and Sarah. Missing, grandson Chris.

Bill Franko, the oldest son of Nick and Mary Franko was born on April 6, 1925, on a farm southeast of Buchanan, Saskatchewan.

At the age of two his father moved the family to a new farm, six miles northeast of Watson, Saskatchewan, approximately 100 miles. This was to be home for Bill for many years, where he attended school and farmed with his father until 1960. In 1952, he married Theresa Mahlberg, of Watson and soon they were parents of five sons: Richard, Wayne, Lyle, Douglas and Kelly. Theresa says that all these boys were acquired trying for their daughter.

In 1960, Bill joined the Saskatchewan Department of Agriculture staff as technician, designing water and sewage systems and assisting farmers and small communities with their installation. Shortly after, he moved his family to Wadena, Saskatchewan. In 1971 he accepted a position of Supervisor of Field Services and moved to Regina where he worked until his retirement in December, 1984. He and his wife have since built a new home at Fishing Lake, east of Wadena, where they presently reside.

Their boys now live in areas spread out throughout Western Canada. Richard married Karen Good of Qualicum Beach, B.C. on September 20, 1974. They have two boys, Chris and Andy and all live in Vancouver.

Wayne found a former Watsonite, Selma Hegseth who was living in Calgary and married her on September 1, 1978. On September 4, 1981, Sarah was born, a little darling granddaughter, and the first baby girl in the Bill Franko family. All reside in Calgary.

While working in Regina, Douglas fell in love with Joanne Deschenne of Lestock, Saskatchewan and married her on July 3, 1982. They reside in Regina.

Lyle and Kelly are still playing the field and work in Regina.



L to R: Don, Steve, Bob, Bernie, Sophie, Sue and Dave

Sophie Franko: Being second born of the children left little doubt in Sophie's mind that she should also be the family's "second-in-command". Her authoritative and, yes, even charming efforts are remembered and appreciated by her family, her school friends, her business associates, and most certainly by her husband Steve. She was born in Theodore, Saskatchewan on September 29, 1926, raised on the family homestead near Watson, schooled in Daisy (good 'ole Daisy!), Fosston, Watson and Saskatoon. She decided to reciprocate some of all that schooling she got by going to Teachers' College (Normal School to you older folks). Over a period of seven plus years, she "spread" (new word for teaching) her newly acquired clout to places like Valley Plain (if you guess where that is/was, you win a turkey), Insinger and Watson.

Back to Insinger for a touching moment, Insinger is where Sophie met and eventually married the innocent and unsuspecting Steve Soubolsky. We are not sure what she taught Steve, but we do know that Steve taught Sophie how to raise children and turkeys. Besides raising up to 10,000 turkeys a year, Sophie and Steve had five children: Susanne (1952), Bernice (1954), Robert (1956), Donald (1958), David (1962) and Ogie-Doggie (1974).

The children have all received various levels of post secondary education and are in successful businesses located in Regina, Saskatoon, Calgary, Red Deer and Edmonton. Needless to say, Sophie and Steve were and are busy attending all sorts of business grand openings (but alas, no grand children).

Sophie and Steve are still residing in Watson, minding the store. We understand they are planning to retire soon, an excellent ending to a successful business life, eh what?

When the mouse laughs at the cat, there is a hole nearby.

If you give the weeds an inch, they will take a yard.



L to R: Rose, Ken, Mel, Ann Chyz and Blair in front

On April 6, 1928 the third child - Anne was born, the first one to be born at the new farm at Wimmer. According to Mom I was quite sickly and cried a lot. Not only was I not well but hungry also - because my sister Sophie used to steal my bottle whenever she had the chance. Eventually I grew up to be a healthy child.

During my early years at home I know there were tough times, but I do not remember ever being in dire need. There was love and that soothed much of the pain.

Dad and Mom were quite insistent that we children get a good education. This we all tried to achieve. My education started in Daisy School which I attended from grade 1 to grade 10. Grade 11 was taken in Watson and grade 12 at Nutana Collegiate in Saskatoon. I attended Normal School for six months then went off to teach. For four months I taught at Meadow Lake. I also taught at Kenaston, Mozart, Quill Lake, Clair and Daisy.

On July 16, 1952 I married Melvin Chyz. Mel farmed while I kept on teaching. Then on May 23, 1954 our only child Kenneth Melvin was born.

In 1955 we moved to Geraldton, Ontario where Mel worked in the gold mine. I taught grade 2 there from 1956 to 1964. In 1964 we moved back to Saskatchewan and settled in Jedburgh where Mel had a job as Pool Elevator manager and I got a job teaching grades 1 to 4. Mel left the job with the elevator in 1971 and was a farm machinery salesman till 1978. In 1978 Mel and his brother Bob purchased a hotel at Lestock, Saskatchewan which Mel manages. Then in 1981 they purchased another hotel at Verigin, which Bob manages. These businesses are called Melrob Enterprises. I kept on teaching in Jedburgh till 1983 (June) when I decided to retire. So now I am a retired school-teacher making some of my dreams come true.

Our son Ken married Rose Lee Gamracy of Yorkton on June 28, 1975. On March 8, 1978 they were blessed with a son, Blair Kenneth. They reside in Yorkton. Ken is advertising manager for the Yorkton Enterprise. Rose is a nursing assistant at the Yorkton Union Hospital.

Our retreat from the hotel is usually our little house in Jedburgh.



L to R:: Back Row - Cheryl, Lillian, Steve and Paula
Sitting - Greg, Clarice, Brent and Arlene (1984)

Steve Franko was born on March 29, 1929. Next door neighbour, Vera Badduke, was Mary's midwife. Upon delivery she announced that Steve was a "Blessed Child" after she saw the angel cap on his head.

He and his brothers and sisters grew up in the Dirty Thirties. While luxury was unheard of and work was hard, all neighbouring families shared the same lot so it didn't matter. The simple life meant that all pleasures came from family and friends. The tradition of a close family continues in Steve's family and throughout the entire Franko family.

Steve had two close calls as a boy. He got rheumatic fever when he started school and was confined for two months. He remembers the fever and sore bones and joints. Most of all he remembers the day he was able to hop on one foot as he made way to recovery.

Shortly after this illness, Steve and Joe brushed death over ten cents. Their dad had promised a dime to the child who found Eugene's lost shoe. When Steve and Joe found the shoe, they ran to the field where Nick and his team were seeding. Since it was near home time, the two boys decided to ride on the drill for a while. Something happened and the horses began to run down hill and the boys fell off. Joe fell between the horses. Their dad managed to stop them just in time to prevent the iron wheel from rolling over Steve's head since he had fallen between the spokes. Both he and Joe recovered from the accident.

Steve attended Daisy School until grade 8, then went to Watson for grades 9 and 10. Many times he missed school to help with seeding and harvest. At the early age of thirteen, he had his own threshing team.

His mom could always count on his help gardening, milking cows, and with other "women's" work. Steve sometimes got in trouble for this, yet to this day he is a familiar helping hand in the kitchen when he is not busy outside.

After two years in the School of Agriculture in Saskatoon, Steve return to Watson. At nineteen he went into business with Steve Soubolsky and his sister Sophie at the Watson Hatchery.

At twenty-one he took courage and held his bride-to-be's hand at the Ukrainian Hall during a bazaar and goose sale. He proposed to Lillian Chyz (daughter of Mike and Helen, neighbour-hood and church friends of Nick and Mary) on her birthday in April by the Wimmer Creek. They were married on Wednesday, July 15, 1952. Their first home was in Watson. In 1958 Steve and Lillian moved their growing family into a two-room house near the Franko homestead and began farming. In 1961 they moved again. This time, half a mile up the road to the original homestead of

the Franko family and into the house which had been built in 1942. They still live in this house, but it has seen many renovations.

Steve and Lillian have five children: Arlene (1954), Paula (1956), Gregory (1957), Brent (1959), and Cheryl (1962). Arlene and Paula live in Regina. Arlene has just started a new training and consulting business for women. She is active in the New Democratic Party. Paula has a degree in Social Work and Human Justice. She is a clinical social worker at Ranch Erhlo which is a service agency for teenagers and young adults. Greg is a journeyman heavy duty mechanic at Red Head Equipment in Saskatoon. He married a special woman, Clarice Olynick (from Quill Lake), on August 3, 1984. Clarice and Greg are expecting their first child this summer. Brent lives in Watson. He is a carpenter, but his first love is farming. Brent, Steve and Lillian take care of seeding and harvesting each year. Greg gives the time he can. Cheryl lives in Saskatoon. She is the bright light of the family and keeps all her family and friends looking good since she is a talented semi-retired hairstylist. She is also a pleasant and efficient salesperson.

On July 24, 1984 born to Greg and Clarice, a daughter, Danielle Clarissa.

Steve really is blessed - as Auntie Vera pronounced. He loves his farm and his family. He has a kind and gentle heart and he and Lillian have created a home renowned for its hospitality.



L to R: Elissa, Peggy, Bevin, Joe and JoJo, the dog.
Family of Joe Franko

Reminiscences of Joe Franko

I was born on the farm on July 21, 1930. Growing up in the "'30's", as a result of the depression and droughts was difficult, but I survived and grew up to be healthy and strong. What I remember most of those times were the regular chores that had to get done, during the winter and summer months, to provide us with our basic needs. Each one of the family had specific work to do each day to help look after the livelihood of the farm. Softball provided summer fun and some of my fondest memories are of the times spent playing for the Watson Nighthawks, one of the better softball teams in Saskatchewan in the late forties and fifties.

It was important to get an education. My formal education began at Daisy School #448, one and a half miles west of the farm. A long walk when you are a "malanky". After nine years at Daisy, I went to Canora to stay at my Uncle Dan Daniel's and complete my grade 10. From there I went to the Nutana Collegiate to complete grades 11 and 12, and then on to the University of Saskatchewan and Teachers College (all in Saskatoon).

I taught school at Middle Lake, Govan and Foam Lake from 1953 to 1961. At Foam Lake I was successful in coaching the high school 6-man football team to a Provincial Championship. After going back to the U. of S. in 1961 to complete my B.Ed., I went to teach at Sundre, Alberta and then on to Calgary where I still reside. Many students passed through my Social Studies and Math classes during my 18 years with the Calgary Board of Education. Many enjoyable hours were spent participating and coaching a variety of sports during those years. Curling has been a particular favourite and the annual Franko Boxing Day Bonspiel continues to maintain the family interest in the activity.

While teaching in Calgary, I met and married Peggy Booth, a fellow teacher and Saskatchewanite from Tisdale. Our daughters Elissa (1975) and Bevin (1977) were both born in Calgary. They have been involved in Ukrainian dancing, and are now participating in cross-country running and basketball. I am happy to be coaching Bevin's Tiny Mite Basketball team this year.



A family unit - Gene and Shirley, and their children:
Blair, Jerry and Darren

Then there came Eugene (Eugene Melvin Franko was born November 19, 1932), truly the runt of the litter, who, although he played a big part in turning his parents' hair grey, worked hard and played hard and did much to round off the family unit. Eugene, courtesy of a girl from the southwest part of Saskatchewan tried to match his parents' family efforts by having three boys in 2 1/2 years. These three boys are now doing a great job in turning Eugene's hair grey. (Sounds like a soap story already.)

Eugene's work and travel catalogue goes something like this: taught school for a few years, ending in Bengough, Saskatchewan; joined the Department of Highways at Moosomin, and from there earned the distinction of being one of the few people who surveyed on every section of the TransCanada Highway through Saskatchewan. Having reached the Alberta border, he stalled awhile and became very much involved with a young Swedish girl, Shirley Gordon. Eugene and Shirley, after marrying in 1959, worked in several Saskatchewan communities, i.e. Assiniboia, Swift Current, Regina, Saskatoon, Delisle, until they moved to Prince Albert still employed with the provincial government. There they had their three boys (winters are long and cold in P.A.). A few years later it was off to Brooks, Alberta, for a year and then, as now, Kelowna, B.C.

Eugene is an Engineering Technologist for the City of Kelowna, and Shirley is a Court Recorder for the Attorney General Department. The three boys: Blair (1964), Darren (1965), and Jerry (1966), are currently attending university.

- A man who admits he is allergic to lawn work says, "I long for the day when anybody caught working in a yard will be arrested for disturbing the ecology."



Metro and Kay (1962)



Metro and Kay
50th Anniversary



L to R: Kay, Metro, Carol, Walt, Vi, John, Ogla and Don

FRANKO, Metro & Kay

Metro Franko was born on October 23, 1903 to Eli and Irene Franko at Insinger, Saskatchewan (Sec. 32, Twp. 30, Rge. 6, W2nd, R.M. #274). He was the second eldest of a family of nine children. He attended school for a short duration at Mamornitz, which is 10 miles southwest of Buchanan. Metro worked as a farm labourer for various neighbours until the age of 18 and later worked as a railroad employee at Gull Lake, Saskatchewan. In his search for a wife, Metro never had to venture past the neighbouring farm, when Kathleen (Kay) Longul, daughter of John and Elizabeth Longul caught his eye. They were married on October 31, 1926.

Kay was born on April 14, 1910 at Buchanan, Saskatchewan (Sec. 22, Twp. 30, Rge. 6, W2nd). She was the youngest of a family of eight, consisting of Tilly, Mary, Xona, John (Jack), Fred, Tom, Nick and herself. John and Elizabeth Longul were born in Austria in the 1870's. They immigrated to Canada on May 18, 1900 with their three eldest daughters. John died in March, 1927 (buried in Buchanan) and Elizabeth died in November, 1910 (buried in Mamornitz). Upon the loss of her mother at the young age of six months, Kay was raised by her father and step-mother until the age of 11 years. She was then taken into the home of her oldest sister, Tilly (married to Metro Drobot), until the age of 16 when she joined her hand in marriage to Metro Franko. Kay obtained schooling at Mamornitz and Gravelhill schools.

They resided on a farm at Theodore, Saskatchewan for two years, Insinger for two years, and subsequently the Quill Lake and district in the fall of 1936. They purchased the west half of Section 15-36-16-W2nd, approximately six miles south of Quill Lake. Over the years the land was completely cleared, broken and put to agricultural use. This land is presently being farmed and resided upon by the eldest son, John. From 1950-1956, some of the family lived in Humboldt, Saskatchewan and received their education, while Metro and Kay commuted to Quill Lake to maintain the farming operation.

Metro and Kay were blessed with six children: John, Olga, Walter, Violet, Donald and Carol. Completing the family are fifteen grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

In November, 1965, Metro and Kay moved to Saskatoon where they enjoyed their retirement until Metro's passing on June 21, 1980. Metro is buried at Woodlawn Cemetery, Saskatoon (Block 67A, #36955, Lot 89, S 1/2). Kay continues to make her home in Saskatoon where she remains active and involved with her family and many friends.



L to R: Back row - Sherman Francis, Brenda Franko, Ashton
Francis, Anita, Dwayne, Christopher, Doug and
Connie Franko
Middle row - Melanie Franko, Ruby Small, John and Randy
Franko
Front row - Theresa, Corine and Adam Franko

(1) **FRANKO, John**

John was born on October 16, 1927 and raised on Sec. 2-29-7-W2nd, which is near Theodore, Saskatchewan. Coming from a long line of farmers, he has kept up the tradition and used the knowledge gained from his forefathers to till the soil. He has also combined modern technology in his farming practices. His passion for outdoor recreation has produced some "interesting" stories about the moose, elk and deer hunts that he has been on, along with some "fishy" stories about the ever elusive "big one that got away!!" John was married on December 22, 1954 to Ruby Friesen, the daughter of Quill Lake area farmer, Henry and Agnes Friesen. Ruby was born at the Wadena Hospital on April 23, 1934. Together they raised their five children on the farm south of Quill Lake where John still farms.

Douglas James Franko was born at Quill Lake Union Hospital on September 12, 1955. He grew up on the farm where he learned that picking rocks by hand was not a good or profitable job, and that when taking things apart, one must remember how to put them back together without any leftover pieces. He was married on August 17, 1974 to Constance Eileen,, daughter of John and Agnes Hiebert of Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. Connie was born on July 23, 1955 in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. Doug and Connie have two daughters and one son. Theressa Lynn was born on April 3, 1975; Corinne Leah was born on March 24, 1978; and Adam James was born on April 24, 1980. All three were born in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. Having been raised on the farm, Doug stayed in the field of agriculture and has been working as a grain elevator manager for Cargill Ltd. They have lived at Elfros and Dalmeny, and are presently living in Lashburn, Saskatchewan. Being of the same blood as his father, John, Doug also likes outdoor recreation, such as hunting and fishing, and is presently training his wife and family some of the finer details of these pastimes.

Dwayne Stuart Franko was born on November 19, 1957 at Quill Lake, Saskatchewan. He was raised on the farm and during his childhood years he was always to be found with a hammer or saw in his hand, wandering around the yard looking for something to build. Being John's son, Dwayne also has hunting in his blood, and to prove that he is good (or lucky) at it, he has a full head mount of a Royal Elk hanging on his living room wall. He was married on August 14, 1982 to Anita Kathryn, daughter of Gerhard and Tina Hiebert of Aberdeen, Saskatchewan. Anita was born on July 13, 1960. They are blessed with one child, at present. His name is Christopher John, born in Saskatoon on April 5, 1984. Dwayne, Anita and Christopher presently live on their acreage at Kinley, Saskatchewan. Dwayne works as a self-employed carpenter in the Saskatoon district.

Brenda Maureen Franko was born on September 22, 1959. She

also was raised on the farm, where her favourite pastime was to administer tender loving care to the farm animals. Her favourite was a white leghorn rooster that liked to chase her around the yard and make her climb fence poles and trees to retreat. She attended classes at the Wascana Institute of Applied Arts and Sciences, and graduated as a Registered Psychiatric Nurse in June of 1982. She presently works as a R.P.N. at the University Hospital in Saskatoon. Brenda plans to marry Sherman Francis on July 25, 1987 and they have one son. His name is Ashton Tyler and he was born on November 29, 1984 in Saskatoon. Brenda, Sherman and Ashton presently reside in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.

Randy John Franko was born on October 31, 1963. Having been born on Halloween has not been easy for Randy, as he has had to take a lot of teasing about being a little goblin from his brothers and sisters. He was raised on the farm and went to school in Quill Lake. He has had a lot of interesting jobs in the last few years, working from one side of Canada to the other. He worked on a survey crew in Saskatchewan, oil rigs in Alberta, seismic crews in northern B.C., and at time of writing, he is working as a carpenter in Hamilton, Ontario.

Melanie Ann Franko was born on September 5, 1968 in Quill Lake. She attended schools in Quill Lake, Wadena, Watrous and Saskatoon. She graduated from Mount Royal Collegiate in Saskatoon in the summer of 1986. During her last year of high school, Melanie went on a two-week excursion with her classmates to London, England and Greece, where they observed the countryside and lifestyles. She plans to attend classes at the University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan in the fall of 1987. She presently lives in Saskatoon.

- Everything in this book is true, not everything is in this book.



Leo and Olga and their daughter, Janice

(2) BAST. Olga

Olga Marie was born on May 17, 1930 at Wimmer, Saskatchewan (Sec. 4, Twp. 37, Rge. 17, W2nd). Olga, being the eldest daughter, was "Mom's helper" until she moved to Regina, Saskatchewan where she worked and later met Leo Joseph Bast. They were married on April 23, 1955 in Regina. Leo is the son of the late William Bast and Magdalena Bast of Regina. He was born in Koronu, Saskatchewan on July 14, 1933.

Leo and Olga lived and worked in Regina for about 6 1/2 years before moving to southern California to a warmer climate in November, 1961. A few years later their daughter, Janice Marie, was born on November 19, 1966 at Garden Grove, California. They lived in California for approximately 18 years. During that time, they experienced numerous earthquakes, big and small, which shook them up a bit and left them wondering when the next one would come. They decided to get away from it all and so they moved to Vancouver, Washington in December, 1979, where they now have an active volcano in their backyard, practically (Mount St. Helens - only about 35 miles away). The first eruption was on May 18, 1980, which was quite an experience!! Never a dull moment - just like jumping from the frying pan into the fire, so to speak. So far they have all managed to survive Mother Nature's tricks.

Olga is busy taking care of the "home front" and making a very comfortable home for Leo and Janice. Leo is presently employed as a maintenance specialist at Vanexco (Vancouver Extrusion Co.) in Vancouver, Washington. Janice graduated from Evergreen High School on June 6, 1984 in Vancouver, Washington and is presently employed as a key-entry operator in the Data Processing Department for Farmers Insurance.

- When young, you adjust your hair to the existing hairstyle;
when old, you adjust your hairstyle to the existing hair.



L to R: Son-in-law, Murray Morton, Doris, daughter-in-law, Carole, granddaughter, Jami Felesky, Dale, Walt and Diane Morton

(3) **FRANKO, Walter Orest**

Walter was born on November 25, 1932, on the family farm located in Section 16, Township 37, Range 17, West of the 2nd (Wimmer). He attended Bradburn and Quill Lake Schools and graduated from Humboldt Collegiate Institute with great pride in achieving a scholarship for being the top student in his graduating class. His early career with the Bank of Nova Scotia took him to Glaslyn, Saskatchewan, then onward to Calgary, Alberta. While in Calgary, he joined Traders Finance Corporation and was transferred to Medicine Hat in 1953 as Assistant Branch Manager and Field Supervisor.

In Medicine Hat, he met his future wife, Doris Phyllis (nee Mutschler) who was born August 29, 1938, at Maple Creek, Saskatchewan. Doris is the fourth daughter of Katie and the late Philip Mutschler who farmed in the Fox Valley, Saskatchewan area until 1949, when they moved into the town itself. The Mutschler's moved to Medicine Hat in 1951, where Philip was highly regarded for his skills in finishing carpentry. Philip passed away in 1964 and Katie remarried in 1967 to Fred Senft whom she had known from childhood years.

Walt and Doris were married on October 27, 1956, at St. Peter Lutheran Church in Medicine Hat. A year later, Walt's job took them to Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, as Assistant Manager of Traders Finance in that centre. While in Moose Jaw, their children were born: Diane Lynn on August 13, 1959, and Dale Walter on November 25, 1960, on his father's 28th birthday. Not a bad birthday present!

In 1961, Walt and Doris moved back to Medicine Hat with their young family, where Walt went into business on his own. His interests in insurance and later, real estate, were pursued for several years, until he sold the insurance portfolio and carried on solely in real estate. He is currently serving as a Director of the Alberta Real Estate Association and has held numerous positions with the Medicine Hat Real Estate Board, being a Past-President of that organization. His community and church have kept him busy over the years. He is a Past-Chairman of St. Peter Lutheran Church, Past-Chairman of the Riverside Cubs & Scouts Group Committee, and an active member of the Medicine Hat Lions Club where he served in many capacities including Past-President and Cabinet member of District 37C Lions International for several terms.

In 1972, Doris resumed her career as a secretary, accepting a position with the Government of the Province of Alberta, and at present, is the Office Manager at Alberta Mental Health Services in Medicine Hat.

Diane received her Bachelor of Education degree from the

University of Lethbridge in 1981, and is employed with Medicine Hat School District #76, pursuing her interest in working with "special" children. On August 11, 1984, Diane was married to Constable Murray Wayne Morton, son of Frances and the late Lawrence Morton of Delia, Alberta, near Hanna. Murray was born on February 4, 1959, and is a member of the Medicine Hat Police Force. In 1985, Murray's application to the K-9 Division was accepted, and "Thor", Murray's purebred German Shepherd is currently the youngest member of the Police Department, having celebrated his first birthday on August 31, 1986. He is 80-some-odd pounds of puppy and keeps Diane and Murray well occupied with his boundless energy and antics.

Dale attended the University of Alberta in Edmonton and received his Bachelor of Commerce degree in 1982. He is currently articling for his Chartered Accountant designation with Johnston, Morrison & Hunter in Medicine Hat. On August 30, 1986, he was joined in marriage with Carole Denise Felesky, nee Dunlop, daughter of Vern and Thelma Dunlop who are now retired and living in Redcliff, Alberta, just a few miles out of Medicine Hat. Carole was born on June 30, 1957, at Macklin, Saskatchewan, where her father was a C.P.R. Station Agent. As a result of her father's employment, she lived in various centres in Saskatchewan during her growing years, and lastly, at Manyberries, Alberta. She is an Insurance Agent, employed with Cedar Square Insurance in Medicine Hat. Carole's daughter, Jami Lynn Felesky was born February 19, 1979, in Medicine Hat, and it is interesting to note that of the Walt Franko family (we often call ourselves the "Alberta" Franko's), Jami is the only member not born in Saskatchewan!

- Sometimes you have to be silent in order to be heard.



L to R: David and Jim (standing)
Violet, Sheryl and Peter (sitting)
Taken at 25th Wedding Anniversary 1985

(4) KAPELUCK, Violet

Violet Elizabeth was born on January 20, 1941 at Quill Lake, Saskatchewan (Sec. 15, Twp. 35, Rge. 16, W2nd).

I received my education at Bradburn, Humboldt and Quill Lake schools. After finishing my grade 12 in 1959, I went on to Business College in Saskatoon for a secretarial course, which I completed in May, 1960. I was then employed by the Royal Bank of Canada as a secretary for two years. During my final year of high school, I met Peter Kapeluck of Clair, Saskatchewan and about two years later we were married on July 20, 1960 in Watson, Saskatchewan.

Peter is the fifth of nine children born to John and Anela Kapeluck (nee Plaksy) presently of Quill Lake, Saskatchewan. He was born on January 14, 1936 at Rose Valley, Saskatchewan (sec. 5, Twp. 39, Rge. 15, W2nd). He is presently employed at Prairie Machine & Parts Mfg. Ltd. as a machinist. He also farms with his youngest brother in the Clair, Saskatchewan region during the summer months.

We have three children: two sons and one daughter. Our oldest son, David Michael, was born on August 30, 1962 in Saskatoon. He received his Bachelor of Commerce Degree in May, 1984 at the University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon. In December, 1984, he began his employment with the Bank of Montreal in Prince Albert, Saskatchewan and has subsequently been transferred to Humboldt, Saskatchewan (April, 1986) where he is the branch manager.

James Bradley, our second son, was born January 31, 1965 in Saskatoon. He received his Bachelor of Arts Degree at the University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon in October, 1985 and went on to obtain his Bachelor of Commerce Degree, which he received in May, 1987. He is presently working part-time and is seeking full-time employment in the financial field, applicable to his education.

Our daughter, the youngest, Sheryl Lynne, was born on December 29, 1975 in Saskatoon. She is presently in grade 6 and keeps Mom busy chauffeuring her to Ukrainian School, Organ lessons, Ukrainian dancing, ball games, swimming lessons, etc.

We have resided in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan ever since our marriage in 1960 and we continue to enjoy our life, family and friends in this city.



L to R: Trevor, Michelle, Joyce and Don

(5) FRANKO, Don

Donald Victor Franko was born on July 18, 1944 in Wadena, Saskatchewan. He completed his primary and secondary schooling in Humboldt and Quill Lake, Saskatchewan where he graduated from the Quill Lake High School in 1962. He then attended the College of Engineering at the University of Saskatchewan in Saskatoon during the years of 1962 to 1964. He was employed by the legal survey firm of Phillips, George, Nicholson and Associates Ltd. in September of 1964. He began his apprenticeship as a surveyor at that time and received his Saskatchewan Land Surveyors Commission in June of 1968. To enhance his surveying career, he also obtained his Manitoba Land Surveyors Commission in 1973 and his Canada Lands Surveyors Commission in 1982. He became a partner in the firm of George, Nicholson, Franko and Associates Ltd. in 1968 where he is presently employed.

Don married Josephine Joyce Jaster on July 9, 1966. Joyce is the daughter of the late David and Phyllis Jaster of Shell Lake, Saskatchewan. She was born on July 15, 1945 in Vernon, B.C. They were blessed with two children: a daughter, Michelle Kim, born on May 12, 1969 in Saskatoon and a son Trevor Don, born on September 16, 1971, also in Saskatoon. Both children are presently attending the Martensville High School where Michelle is anxiously awaiting her graduation in May, 1987. The family is residing on an acreage twelve miles north of Saskatoon near the community of Martensville, Saskatchewan.

- The great thing in the world is not so much where we stand as in what direction we are going.



John and Carol, and their children,
Candice and Ryan

(6) SMITH, Carol

Carolann Gloria was born on September 1, 1951 in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.

I attended public school in Quill Lake, Saskatchewan. To my dismay, the family relocated to Saskatoon in November, 1965. However, new friends were made, including one, John Russell Smith, whom I married on January 24, 1970. He is the eldest son of George and Katie Smith of Saskatoon (formerly of Nipawin, Saskatchewan), and was born on October 27, 1947 in the Nipawin district. We were blessed with two children: Candice Nicole (born on September 24, 1975) and Ryan Russell (born on January 27, 1980). Both children are enjoying school and have aspirations to earn "big" money when they're older. Candice is currently interested in becoming a lawyer; whereas, Ryan's interest varies from month to month. He is "currently" interested in becoming an astronaut.

I have been employed by the Federal Government since February, 1970, with the exception of approximately 4 1/2 years when I was home as a "full-time" mother. I am currently employed as a Personnel Assistant with the Correctional Service of Canada, Regional Psychiatric Centre in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. John has been employed as a machinist with the Canadian National Railways since January, 1974. We currently reside in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan and keep ourselves busy with our jobs, family and friends.

- You have to kiss about 390 times to lose a pound.



Dora and Mike 1925



Dora and Mike's 50th
Anniversary with Nick and
Mary Franko



Bill, Cecilia and Johnny
standing; Kay, Dora and
Mike sitting



Mike farming with horses

DORA MOSKALUKE (FRANKO)

I was born March 10, 1906 in Buchanan, Saskatchewan. Being the oldest of four girls, I was mother's helper. Mother passed away when I was 12 years old, leaving Dad with nine children, the youngest, Rose, one and a half years old. I had to be mother and sister to her and all the rest. Dad would go into town and buy a "bolt" of material. I was supposed to make shirts for the boys, Nick, Metro, George, John and Bill. I also made dresses for the girls with this same material.

I married Mike Moskaluke, fifth son of Tom and Vaselena Moskaluke on November 5, 1925. We lived on the family farm near Buchanan where Cecelia and Kay were born. In 1930 we packed our few belongings, some furniture, five horses and two cows onto a train and moved to Watson. We farmed east of Watson on what is now Steve Franko's land.

Times were hard but with hard work we were able to make a life for ourselves, by always working together. We worked on the land all day and when it was time to put the horses to rest for the day, we would go and dig seneca roots. These were plentiful and brought a good price. We would take them to the store in town and sell them for a bag of flour.

Our two daughters were born first, Cecilia in 1926 and Kay in 1928. Johnny, our first son was born in 1933, and in 1936 Bill was born. When Johnny was two and a half years old he got very sick with pneumonia and was rushed to the hospital in Watson, by Nick Franko, who had the only car in the district. When they got him to the hospital, the two nurses, just newly registered nurses, Lena and Alice Hamers, dunked him in a tub of cold water and were able to bring his temperature down. Two weeks later we were able to bring him home where we heard his first English word, "water".

In 1940 we moved to a farm just four miles east of Watson where we rented the land for three years and then bought land northeast of Watson where we farmed until we retired in 1959. Times were hard and money was scarce but there was always time to visit with the neighbours. Christmas was celebrated by the Julian calendar and every year Christmas Day, January 7, was our day to have all the neighbours in to dinner. New Year's Day was always Nick and Mary Franko's day. Gift giving was not elaborate but at the school concerts there was always a little gift from each neighbour. Be it a pair of socks or a toothpick holder, it always meant so much.

We still live in Watson and enjoy fairly good health. We celebrated our 60th Wedding Anniversary in 1985. And as this goes to press we will have celebrated our 61st.



L to R: Cousins - Cecilia Braget (Moskaluke), Anne Chyz (Franko),
and Kay Braget (Moskaluke)

(1) CECELIA BRAGET

I was born on November 16, 1926, in Buchanan, Saskatchewan. When I was three years old we moved to Watson where Dad farmed east of Watson. I attended Daisy School and Watson High School. I married Carl Braget on December 12, 1945. We lived and farmed on the family farm. In 1980 we moved into the town of Watson where we now live and are still farming. We have four children: two boys and two girls.

Brian was born in Wadena Hospital. He attended Sunnyview School and Watson High. He studied Engineering at the University of Saskatchewan while working for the Department of Highways. He married Carol Flavelle of North Battleford, and they have one daughter. Brian owned his own Construction Co. in Saskatoon. He also was a licensed pilot. In June 1980, he flew to Ohio to an airshow. He met with an accidental air crash in which he and the pilot died.

Noreen was born in Watson Hospital. She went to school in Sunnyview and Watson High. She took a secretarial course at Robertson Secretarial School in Saskatoon. After graduation she worked for the Saskatoon Police Department until she married Vic Stoski. They now live in Sherwood Park, Alberta, and have two children.

Dennis was born in Watson Hospital. He took his schooling in Sunnyview and Watson. After high school he attended Moose Jaw Technical School where he took an auto mechanics course. He moved to Edmonton and now owns his own auto body shop. He is married and has three children.

Lyn was born in Watson Hospital. She went to school at Sunnyview and Watson High. After graduating she worked for the Scotia Bank in Saskatoon. She married Dennis Cembrowski and both continued to work for the Scotia Bank in Saskatoon. They were then transferred to Kenora, Ontario and Hamilton. From there they were transferred to Edmonton where they now live. They have two boys.



Gilbert Braget taken
in Brighton England in 1943



L to R: Back row - Larry (Colleen's husband), Colleen, Judy,
Marlene, Al (Marlene's husband)
Centre row - Gilbert and Kay
Front row - Cal and Troy (Marlene's boys)

2) KAY BRAGET

I was born at Buchanan, Saskatchewan. When I was two years old, Mom and Dad moved to Watson where I grew up. Being the second child with no boys I was Dad's right-hand man. Cecilia had to help Mom in the house and I was with Dad wherever he went. I don't know why, but I did like haying and driving the horses and especially driving that first tractor. I remember Uncle Nick Franko getting all the kids from both families to pick weeds, stinkweed I think it was. We all lined up in a row and picked weeds as we walked along. Of course we got paid well at the end of the day: 10 cents each. Times were hard but I think we were happy. The neighbours visited back and forth at Christmas. I remember the old Victorola that was transported from one place to another. After the meal was over and the dishes were cleared away, we would dance. I'm sure that most of us learned to dance to that Victorola. I especially remember one Christmas gift that I received from Uncle John Franko. It was a series of four books. Cecilia and I got one each and Sophie and Ann Franko got the other two. We read them and then exchanged so we read all four. They certainly were exciting books.

I met Gilbert Braget when he came back from overseas in 1945. We were married in Watson in 1948 and have three girls. In 1958 we moved to Saskatoon where Gilbert worked for Wright's Electric as a major appliance repairman. In 1970 I started to work at a drugstore and in 1973 I started with the Saskatoon Co-op and worked there until my retirement in June 1986. Gilbert retired in 1984.

Marlene was born in the Watson Hospital. She took a Steno course at Robertson Secretarial School and then worked for the Toronto Dominion Bank in Saskatoon. She married Al Jungwirth and they moved to Alberta. There she worked for the I.D.B.. Al owns his own company, Partions Systems, and they now live in Ardrossan Alberta. They have two boys.

Colleen was born in Saskatoon. She went to Kelsey College and University. After graduating she went to work at Walter Murray Collegiate with handicapped children. In 1981 she moved to Calgary to work with Alberta National Drugs. She married Larry Hnatiuk. They live in Calgary where Colleen is Assistant Buyer for Alberta National Drugs and Larry is a plumber.

Judy was born in Saskatoon. She went to Montgomery School and Mount Royal Collegiate. After graduation she joined the Scotia Bank as a loans officer. She worked there since and is now Manager of Consumer Loans.

Gilbert Braget - World War II - 1942-1945

I joined the army in January 1942 and took basic training in Regina. I then transferred to Debert, Nova Scotia where I joined the British Columbia Regiment (B.C.R.'s) Tank Regiment. In August of 1942 I went overseas and was stationed in Brighton, England. I saw action in France and was taken prisoner in the Normandy Invasion in August, 1943. We were loaded into boxcars and travelled for days to Muhlberg, Germany and then taken to Stalag 4-B. This was a very large camp with prisoners from every country so we were in very crowded quarters. Our biggest enemy was starvation. The main meal was soup in the evening. Breakfast was a barley mixture and coffee. Along with about two hundred other prisoners it was our job to fill bomb craters made by the American bombs the night before. At first the Red Cross parcels came regularly, but they soon stopped. On VE Day we awoke to find all the guards gone and that same afternoon the American tanks came and picked us up, 8 1/2 months after I was captured. We were transported to Belgium and then back to England where we waited for transportation back to Canada and home. After going through a medical, we were given a two week leave to do as we pleased. We had another two weeks to wait before we were sent home. During this two week wait a few of the Canadian Prisoners of War were invited to Buckingham Palace for tea. There we had tea with Queen Elizabeth and King George VI and the two Princesses, Princess Margaret and Princess Elizabeth (now Queen Elizabeth). I arrived in Regina in July 1945.

- I expect to pass through this world but once. If, therefore there is any good thing that I can do, or any kindness that I can show my fellowman, let me do it now, let me not defer it nor neglect it, for I shall not pass this way again.

(3) JOHNNY MOSKALUKE

I was born in Watson on August 25, 1933. I took my schooling at Daisy and Watson High.

I married Diane Auchstaetter in Watson, April 27, 1955. We have four children: two boys and two girls. I worked for the Reliance Lumber Co. for many years starting at Watson, then at Raymore and finally at Langenburg where we now live. After many years of the lumber business I decided I'd had enough and took a barber course at Kelsey Institute in Saskatoon. I then bought the Langenburg Billiard Hall and Barber Shop, and have been with it ever since. I also added a little candy shop and ice cream parlor to the business which son Michael looks after.

In 1980 Diane took a steno course in Yorkton and is now steno and bookkeeper for a car sales garage in Langenburg. She also works part-time at the post office.

Donna is a teacher. She does some part-time teaching. She married Alfred Bergman and they farm east of Langenburg. They have two children.

Tammy is a geriatric nurses aid. She works at the Geriatric Center in Langenburg. She married Brian Ingauldson, an Industrial Mechanic working with the Esterhazy Potash Mine. They have two children.

Tim is an auto body mechanic. He took his schooling at Langenburg, then attended Moose Jaw Technical Institute where he took Auto Body. He now works at a car shop in Langenburg. He is married.

Michael is a student. He lives at home and looks after the candy and ice cream shop which is a part of his father's business.

(4) BILL MOSKALUKE

I was born in Watson August 10, 1936. Guess you might say I was the baby of the family. I went to school at Daisy and Watson High.

I married Betty Haussecker November 12, 1960 and we have four children: two boys and two girls.

I worked for Imperial Bulk Oil Service, starting at Watson and then at Wynyard. We then came back to Watson to work in the Watson Butcher Shop. Betty works at the store and I do the butchering.

I have been very active in sports, curling being a favourite. I played ball when I was younger and recently I have coached boy's baseball and girl's softball. I still love my curling and, who knows, I may still take the family rink to the Silver Broom.

Stuart is a Loans Officer with the Royal Bank in Saskatoon. He is married and his wife, Barb, works for the Scotia Bank as a teller.

Marla is a Registered Nurse. She works at the University Hospital, specializing in the operating room. She is married to Jeff Ewen, a student at University of Saskatchewan. They live in Saskatoon.

Roger is a student at the University of Saskatchewan, taking his second year of Physical Education. He is a painter between university terms.

Lisa is a student at the University of Saskatchewan. She is in her first year of Education.



George and Anne 1933



George and Anne 1984



Peter and George 1958

George & Anne FRANKO (Boychuk)

George was born November 2, 1907 on the homestead (NE 32-30-6, W2nd) south of Buchanan, Saskatchewan. He started school at 7 years of age attending Waselowitz School, a 3 1/2 mile walk. Subsequently, Gravel Hill School was built close to home. He was only able to complete grade 3 because after mother passed away in 1918 he was needed on the farm in the spring, summer and fall. During winter he was sent to relatives to help with chores and look after their children. He liked woodwork. Mr. Henwood, spouse to the home teacher, undertook a woodworking class and George's project was a wheelbarrow. It turned out so well that it won an award at the fair in town. For years thereafter that wheelbarrow was seen doing "chores" at home.

At age 12 George was given a team of horses and a rack to go out threshing. This he did each fall until 1924. In 1925 he ventured out and worked in Keeler, Sask. and then moved to Shamrock, Sask. for the harvest. He remained there for the winter looking after the livestock of a farmer who had moved to Moose Jaw for the winter months. In 2 years he had earned \$350.

At about now it became known that farmland was available at Watson. There was practically an exodus from Buchanan to Watson and Wimmer. George with his older brother, Nick moved in the fall of 1926 and bought land in partnership. Not too much was broken in the first year. It was wet and mosquitoes were horrendous. In the first year the crop froze, leaving very little for sustenance. Every little bit of income would help, so George took up trapping of muskrats and weasels. He hunted and trapped coyotes as well. The sale of pelts put food on the table. It kept the "wolf from the door".

In 1929 Nick wanted to keep the land they bought together (1/2 section) and suggested that George buy another farm. Through negotiation and resale George was able to acquire the SE 2-37-17, W2nd, his home place to this day. On it he built a two-room log house plastered with clay. His first crop was in 1932. His first team of four horses was his prized possession.

George married Anne, daughter of Mike and Frozina Boychuk (nee Zazula) in the Wimmer Hall on November 5, 1933. Her parents came from Ukraine and settled on a homestead in the Clair district. She was born on June 24, 1912. As the eldest she was needed at home and was unable to complete any one year of school. There were cows to milk first and foremost (3 each morning before school) and numerous other chores. In 1928 her Dad passed away and her mother took over the farming operation with the help of the children. But life wasn't all toil. There was a countryhall, known as the Ponass Lake Hall, where there were dances, plays, singing and other cultural activities. It is not known for certain but it seems that this is where George met

Anne. They raised a son, Peter.

Through perseverance and hard work George and Anne were able to purchase more land as years went by. They milked cows all through the years, as was standard practice for most everyone at the time. They consider themselves retired now, but still live on the farm in the new home they built some years ago. George enjoys hunting and fishing and Anne her garden and flowers. When Peter finished high school he decided to farm with his Dad. Eventually he took over the entire farming operation.

- God could not be everywhere so he made mothers.



Peter 1943



Peter & Dorothy and their
children: Brian, Evan &
Mark (L to R)

Peter & Dorothy FRANKO

I was born at Quill Lake, Sask. on August 26, 1934. I attended Selkirk School until grade 9 and later Watson High School. Upon completing high school in 1953, I started farming with my Dad. The years went by quickly with work on the farm and the clearing of more land. In the summer, on weekends, there were local picnics and softball tournaments to go to. The winters were spent doing chores and curling, if roads permitted.

On November 15, 1969 I married Dorothy Hans of Loreburn, Sask. Dorothy's parents, Clayton and Doris Hans, now live in Saskatoon, Sask. In late November we moved into a small house in Watson, Sask. where I farmed from town and Dorothy worked as a Registered Nurse at Watson Union Hospital. Our first son, Brian, was born on January 14, 1971. We moved to a larger home in Watson a little later on, as it was starting to get crowded in our first house. Our second son, Evan, was born on February 4, 1973. Our third son, Mark, was born on September 14, 1974. We lived in Watson until August 1979, then moved into our new home on the farm, where three generations of Frankos now reside. The yard site is the first quarter of land (SE-2-37-17) that Dad purchased in 1932.

The boys are currently attending Quill Lake High School. Dorothy is working as a nurse at Watson Union Hospital.

Besides the farming operation, I have been councillor for Division 2 in the R.M. of Spalding since 1975. I am also the municipal representative on the Watson Union Hospital Board and McNab Regional Park.



The war ended one month after
John's discharge and their
marriage (war couldn't go on)



L to R: Joan & Allen Fedorak & their
two girls Christine & Tammy, Mary,
Allan, John, Greg & Donna McGlashan.
1987



Chelsea, Donna &
Greg's first born/87

John & Mary FRANKO (Lipka)

John was born June 8, 1909 on the NE 32-30-6, W2nd, south of Buchanan, Sask. (R.M. of Good Lake #274). Mary is the daughter of Paul and Julia Lipka, born February 8, 1922 on the NE 7-37-14, W2nd, west of Fosston, Sask. (R.M. of Ponass Lake #367). They were married on July 29, 1945 in a country church north of Wimmer, Sask. They raised three children, Allan, Joan and Donna.

John attended Gravel Hill School and endeavoured to maintain his share of the chores at home. There were cows to milk and a myriad of other duties in a family of nine brothers and sisters. An opportunity to attend a Tuxis and Trail Rangers Camp at Margo Lake for two summers was the highlight of his school days and the first ever away from home. Public school almost completed, he worked as a farmhand for his two brothers Nick and Metro at Theodore, Sask. In the winter he attended high school in town having to walk 3 1/2 miles. He stayed at the Mohyla Institute in Saskatoon while he took grade 12 and Normal School. His first teaching experience was at Ponass Lake School where he taught for two years (56 children, 11 grades and a teacher green as grass). In 1935 he moved to Fosston to buy grain for the Pool (7 years). During the war he joined the Air Force and served as a Radio Mechanic, ground crew for a period of three years. He did not go overseas.

Mary attended Ponass Lake School. Upon completion of public school she stayed at home for awhile to help with household chores in a family of four brothers and sisters. Then she entered high school at the Saskatoon Technical Institute. She obtained her diploma in Commercial Studies and forthwith went to Ottawa to do her bit for the war effort. She worked in the government as a Stenographer.

Upon their marriage in 1945 they moved to Yellow Creek, Sask. where John taught in a graded school for another year. Here they stayed in a little old shanty on the outskirts of town. Then came thirty years in municipal work at Kamsack, as Secretary-Treasurer of the R.M. of Cote #271. John did not intend to stay with teaching all his life (though he liked it very much) nor with grain buying, so while in the Services he enrolled in a course in Municipal Administration. He did the assignments in the barracks which was not difficult as everyone was out evenings except for another man taking the same course.

After retiring from the R.M. Office John opened an office for insurance, real estate, income tax and other. Recently he sold the insurance and real estate business and set up a private office at home, making him about 80% retired. Both John and Mary are active in the Ukrainian Orthodox Church where their main interest is the choir. John was involved in community work at all times. He served on the School Unit Board, the Local School

Board, the Town Council and the Credit Union, managing the latter for its first seven years from a cupboard in the R.M. Office.

Allan was born on August 23, 1948. He obtained a B.Sc. in Biophysics at the University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon and spent five years at the University of Western Ontario, London, where he completed a Ph.D. The major portion of his studies was supported by scholarships. He was a Research Associate at Stanford University in California for three years and is now doing cancer research at the Cross Cancer Institute associated with the University in Edmonton. During his training years his main hobby was motorcycling. He toured much of North America and Europe, and tried road racing. A few wins as a Junior yielded a promotion to Expert. He quit with regret when he realized he couldn't run with the Experts without regular 100 m.p.h. crashes. His present hobby is flying. For several years he has been doing aerobatics. He owns a Pitts Special and frequently takes part in competitions, winning in several. His current goal is to be selected for the Canadian Team to fly in the World Championship competition in Red Deer, Alberta in 1988.

Joan was born on April 21, 1950. She obtained a B.Sc. in Honours Psychology at the University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon. She married Alllen Fedorak, son of Steve and Anne Fedorak of the Rhein district. Allen took high school in Kamsack and five years at the University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon, obtaining his Bachelor of Science and Education degrees. He teaches Science at Walter Murray Collegiate, Saskatoon. For hobbies he coaches basketball and plays in a band. Joan did Social Work and is now happy to be at home raising two delightful girls, Christine and Tammy (7 and 8 years). The girls are in French Immersion at school, play piano, swim, play soccer and participate in kid's club at church. During public and high school Joan was very active in various activities, particularly drama and basketball. One summer she was an exchange student, going to Nova Scotia. She attended church camp in the summer. Six years ago Joan had a major turning point in her life when she accepted Jesus Christ as her Saviour and Lord. Joan has been involved quite extensively in church work, particularly in the area of missions.

Donna was born on September 16, 1952. She finished high school in Kamsack and took up hitch-hiking twice across Canada, with her girlfriend. She wanted to know what it was like to beg for a cup of coffee, sleep on a hard floor or under the stars. She married Greg McGlashan, son of Stu and Helen McGlashan of Yorkton. They have spent most of their life together in B.C. in the Okanagan and now in Elkford. They love the Alpine setting of this community which claims the highest elevation of any town in Canada. Both are employed there at the open pit coal mine, where their jobs literally take them to the tops of the mountains: Greg as a heavy equipment operator and Donna driving a 170-ton truck (as big as a house). It was quite a change for Donna to

enter this male-oriented industry after years of mainly office work experience. But she was delighted with the opportunity-the change and the challenge, and there have been no regrets. Presently she is unable to drive a truck due to an illness, but keeps a keen interest and hopes to return. They now have their first born, a girl named Chelsea. For a hobby Greg is restoring an antique, a 1954 Chevrolet. It will be his prize possession when it is complete. He has an array of drums that he enjoys playing when all else is quiet.

Donna recalls many instances when her job could prove to be somewhat tedious, keeping up the pace of a 12 hour nightshift could often become a struggle merely to stay awake and alert. Help often arrived over the radios, as the shift's most adept joke tellers would entertain themselves and the rest of the crew. Oftentimes these 'comedy-hour' sessions would begin to follow a theme, and on one occasion the chosen theme happened to be women. With only a handful of women on the shift as opposed to a large number of men, the women sat back silently, letting the men have a free-for-all at their expense. After waiting for an appropriate silent moment in the radio conversation, a fellow female operator called Donna to ask: "Donna McGlashan, why did God make women?". Her reply, "Because He made man first, and said, 'I know I can do better!'".

- While discussing the economy with a friend one day, I asked him if he knew what the gross national product was that year. My ten-year old son, who was listening, chimed in, "Spinach!"



Mary & William Drobot - Christmas 1984



L to R: Seated: Tim & David Drobot, Kevin, Michelle & Charlotte Leicht
 Centre row: Dennis, Chris, William & Mary Drobot, Audrey & Alex Leicht
 Back row: Kurt, Eric, Ben & Sonia Leicht, Iris, Alex, Rick, Randy & Barry Kaminskis

WILLIAM & MARY DROBOT

Mary Drobot, nee Franko, was born on February 4, 1912 on the family farm of Section 32, Township 30, Range 6, West of the second meridian, R.M. #274 near Buchanan, Sask. At the age of six years she lost her mother to the flu epidemic of 1918, leaving her older sister Dora to take over the care of the family and household duties. Mary attended school at Gravel Hill, Sask. making the two mile walk everyday through the fields and in wintertime through the deep snow with her brothers and sisters. At that time nobody took their children to school or bused them like nowadays.

At the age of twelve years, Mary went to live with her Aunt Paraskevia and Uncle John Kereluk at Insinger, Sask. She helped them care for their children and attended Insinger School. Two years later, with the marriage of Dora, her family was left without a homemaker, so she returned home and took over caring for her father, five brothers and two sisters. One year later Mary's father married Mrs. Mary Lungul, and this enlarged the family as Mrs. Lungul brought with her seven more children. In 1928 Mary again left home, this time moving to the farm home of her elder brother Nick and sister-in-law Mary Franko at Watson. She remained there for eleven years and helped them to care for their six children.

William (Bill) Drobot also worked for Mary's brother Nick, and during these four years he began courting Mary. Bill was born at Buchanan, Sask. on November 8, 1905 to Nick and Mary Drobot (nee Kostaschuk). He was their fifth son. Bill's parents immigrated to Canada in 1900 from Dobrinovitz, Ukraine and settled in the Buchanan district, which became well known as the Drobot Community.

On November 5, 1938 Mary married Bill Drobot at the home of her brother Nick, having only a small family supper afterwards. A few days before their wedding the weather was just beautiful, but on November 3rd it started snowing and snowed so hard that people had a hard time getting out and around. This caused much difficulty in bringing the Minister out the eight miles from Wimmer, Sask. to the farm home and there were thoughts of desperation that the wedding could not take place. On the way to the wedding dance at the old Wimmer Hall the roads were blocked with snow and the horse-drawn caboose had a hard time getting through. They nearly overturned, throwing the groom onto the lap of a bridesmaid. They finally made it to the Hall and the wedding resumed with only a small attendance.

For the next 34 years Bill and Mary Drobot farmed east of Daphne, Sask. on Section 25, Township 37, Range 17, West of the second meridian, where they raised four children. The eldest daughter, Iris, was born at the Quill Lake Nursing Home. Their

second and third daughters Sonia and Audrey, were born on the family farm with the assistance of midwife, Mrs. Sophie Gryba and a doctor. Their son, Dennis, was born at the Watson Union Hospital.

Bill and Mary sold the family farm in 1972 and retired to the town of Watson. Both are in good health and enjoy travelling. They took a most interesting and enjoyable trip to the Ukraine in June of 1984. They celebrated their 45th Wedding Anniversary in 1983. They are still actively involved with the Greek Orthodox Church of Wimmer. Mary continues to be a member of the Ladies Aid and sings in the choir. She enjoys craft works such as quilting and cross-stitching. Bill spends many a pleasant afternoon at the New Horizons Citizen Centre in downtown Watson.

- Toys are so sophisticated these days that they can play with each other.

ALEX & IRIS KAMINSKAS

Iris Gloria Kaminskas, (nee Drobot) was born on November 23, 1939. She attended school at Westasta Valley for the first nine years and took the next three years of high school at Watson where she graduated in May of 1958.

Alexander Kaminskas, second child of John and Ethel Kaminskas, was born on February 28, 1933, on the home farm west of Strassbourg, Sask. near the edge of Long Lake. At the age of two years he moved with his parents eight miles east of Spalding, to the NE-1-39-17. He still farms this land along with other quarters adjoining the home quarter. He attended school at Lake Edward and enjoyed playing ball in his younger days.

Alex met Iris at one of the Westasta School dances. They were married on August 11, 1958 at the Spalding United Church. To this union three sons were born, the only ones keeping up the family name.

When the boys were still at home, Alex and Iris usually took a week off every summer to get away from the farm. They went up north to the Hanson Lake Road where they did some fishing and relaxing at different lakes. They all still enjoy going fishing up north, and recently ice fishing has been very successful there as well. The whole family have been ardent curlers and continue to curl while on their own. They took in many bonspiels and brought home many trophies. Alex has spent many years on the United Church Board and the Spalding Co-op Board. He was also active with the Elks Lodge. Iris has been involved with church work, teaching Sunday School while the boys attended. She has been President of the U.C.W. for the past eight years, attending many meetings and rallies in and out of Spalding. Alex and Iris celebrated their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary in August, 1983 at the Spalding Hall where many relatives and friends came to wish them well in the future years.

Ricky Alexander Kaminskas was born on January 18, 1961 at the old Spalding Hospital. He went to Spalding School for twelve years where he received awards in Science and Social Studies. He graduated in 1979. He worked as partsman for Hergott International Ltd. at Humboldt, Sask. and then for Chimo Pontiac Ltd. in Melfort, Sask. He was then called by Sask. Telephones in Prince Albert where he has been employed since March 9, 1981.

Randy William Kaminskas was born on January 13, 1963 at the old Spalding Hospital. He went to the Spalding School for ten years and then completed Grades 11 and 12 at Naicam where he graduated in 1981. There he received the R.J. Brown Memorial Bursary Plaque for outstanding character and leadership. He is

employed as a helper at the Pioneer Elevator in Spalding and also helps with the family farm. On July 6, 1985 he married Gladys Christianson, youngest daughter of Hiram and Polly Christianson of Naicam, Sask. Gladys was born on November 30, 1962 in Spalding. She attended school in Naicam, then was employed in Saskatoon for a few years before coming back to Naicam. Gladys's daughter, Alica Rene, was born on August 12, 1980. Alica is now in Grade 1 at the Spalding School, where she enjoys dance lessons after school. On July 14, 1986 Randy and Gladys blessed Alex and Iris with a grandson, Aaron Riley.

Barry John Kaminskis was born on October 14, 1964 also at the old Spalding Hospital. He attended school at Spalding for twelve years where he graduated in 1982. Barry and another classmate jointly presented the Valedictory at his Graduation. He received the General Proficiency Award and the Scholarship for the most deserving student. He also received a \$200 Government scholarship which he used to continue his education at the University of Saskatchewan in Saskatoon. He completed four years of University and was awarded a degree in Mechanical Engineering in 1986. He worked for Springdale Industries at Mervin, Sask. in the summer of 1984 where he designed the Rock Ripper, which was the winner of the Regina Farm Progress Show Award of Achievement. Barry is now employed in Edmonton, Alberta designing machines for the Beaver Plastic Company.

SONIA & BENHARDT LEICHT

Sonia Star Leicht, nee Drobot, was born June 29, 1941 on her parents farm located on Sec. 25-37-17, W2 near Daphne, Sask. She attended school at Westasta Valley to Grade 8 and high school at Watson, graduating in May of 1959.

Benhardt Theodore Leicht was born August 9, 1930 at Consort, Alberta, the eldest son of Theodore and Pauline Leicht (nee Losing), presently of Spalding, Sask. Ben took his schooling at Clearview School and then took up farming with his Dad, as well as working out during the winter months.

Sonia Married Benhardt Leicht on October 28, 1959 at Dovre Lutheran Church in Spalding. They chose the occupation of farming, and presently live on Sec. 22-38-17, W2, southeast of Spalding, Sask. They raised two sons, Eric and Kurt.

Sonia has been involved in many community functions. She taught Sunday School for twelve years, and is an active member of the Dovre Lutheran Ladies Aid. She enjoys many hobbies and crafts, is an ardent curler, and takes pride in watching her sons play hockey. Since 1986 she has been involved in selling Bosch Kitchen Products. Ben continues to farm as well as being active in numerous community organizations. He served on the local school board, the Co-op Board, the skating and curling rink committees for a number of years, was a past active member of the Elks Lodge and at present is on the Dovre Lutheran Church Board of Spalding. He enjoys curling, bowling, watching hockey games, participating in the sport of fishing, and is an enthusiastic reader of books.

Ben and Sonia celebrated their 25th Wedding Anniversary with a large gathering of friends and relatives present in the fall of 1984 at Spalding, Sask.

Eric Dean was born May 22, 1963 at Spalding Union Hospital. Eric attended school at Spalding for Grades 1 to 8 and completed his high school at Naicam, Sask. After graduating in 1981 where he was presented with the Spirit of Youth Award, the Proficiency Award, and a few scholarships, he decided to enter the field of commerce. He enrolled at the University of Saskatchewan in Saskatoon where he graduated from Commerce in 1985, being named on the Dean's Honor List in 1981-1982. Eric presently farms with his father and puts to good use his knowledge of farm computer systems. Eric is an ardent curler, plus enjoys playing hockey and the challenging sport of fishing.

Kurt Roy was born January 10, 1966 at Quill Lake Union Hospital. Kurt took his Grades 1 to 8 at Spalding School and

completed his high school in Naicam, Sask. After graduating in 1984 he enrolled at the Moose Jaw Technical Institute and took Business Administration for two years. He is presently employed in Melfort, Sask. Kurt enjoys outdoor sports, especially hockey. He played for Team Melfort for one winter and for the Moose Jaw Beavers for two years, with whom he played in the Nationals at Kamloops, B.C. in 1986.

AUDREY & ALEX LEICHT

Audrey Alice was born on May 31, 1943. She attended a two-roomed country school, Westasta Valley School, from grades 1 to 9. Iris, Sonia and Audrey travelled to school by horse-drawn carts and cabooses, experiencing a couple of runaways and a cart-toilet collision! When Iris and Sonia went on to Watson School, Audrey was left riding horseback to school alone. Her first horse was a Shetland pony which was not at all anxious to go to school. She spent several days dragging the pony to school, usually arriving late. Coming home was a different story! Bill became irate with this and he decided he would ride the pony to school. When he was dismounted into the ditch, the pony was sold and a full-sized, more cooperative horse was purchased for Audrey. She attended Watson Public School for her final three years of high school, light-housekeeping in town with Sonia and later with Dennis. She graduated in 1961, receiving a \$500 government scholarship enabling her to attend the College of Education at the University of Saskatchewan in Saskatoon for two years.

On July 9, 1963 Audrey married Alex Leicht of Spalding. Three weeks later they packed up a half-ton truck with their wedding gifts and personal belongings and moved to Codette, 100 miles from "home". They took up residence in the United Grain Growers house there, and Alex became the U.G.G. grain buyer. Audrey worked for Henry Franko in Nipawin in a furniture store that fall. From January, 1964, to June, 1965, she taught Grades 3 and 4 at Codette. After taking a year off, she resumed teaching for two years in Pontrilas in a Grades 1, 2 and 3 classroom, a very full-time job!

In August, 1968, Alex and Audrey's first chosen daughter, Charlotte Dawn, arrived. She was born May 29, 1968. Michelle Lynn, born November 15, 1969, joined the family in March of 1970. Then finally on June 2, 1972, Kevin Alexander was born to them, completing the family unit. Life sure changed in the Leicht household!

During the years at Codette, Alex's business increased from one to four elevators and then to one larger facility, with a helper. His activities have included working in all organizations from Curling Club to Lions Club and helping with his children's sports activities. Besides all the home duties, Audrey attended classes to complete her third year of university. In 1979 she resumed teaching kindergarten at Codette half-time, then taught a Special Education Class in White Fox half-time. In 1981, she began teaching Division I full time at Aylsham and in 1984 she transferred to her present school in Codette where she has taught various grades in Division I.

The Leicht children attended Codette School to the end of

grade six and then L.P. Miller School in Nipawin. Charlotte has just completed her first year of Commerce at the University of Saskatchewan in Saskatoon (1987). Michelle is currently in Grade 12 and Kevin in Grade 9. Over the years the girls have been involved in piano lessons, 4-H, Brownies, volleyball, basketball, softball, curling and ringette. Kevin has enjoyed ball, hockey, curling, judo, and gun safety. Mom and Dad have chauffeured them to all these events and attended many tournaments throughout the province over the years.

In 1979, the Leichts purchased a small acreage one mile west and one mile north of Codette, built a house and became country folk, adding cats and dogs to the family. When time has permitted it, they have enjoyed camping and travelling, with major escapades being a trip to Expo 67 in Montreal, a trip to Disneyland in 1978, and a very enjoyable trip to Germany and Italy in 1984, compliments of BASF.

DENNIS & CHRIS DROBOT

Dennis William was born at Watson, Sask., February 9, 1953. He was raised on the family farm fourteen miles north of Watson. To begin his education he boarded with his youngest sister, Audrey in Watson for grades one and two. Grades three and four were taken at Westasta Valley school which was three miles away from home. He then travelled by school bus to attend grades 5 to 12 at Quill Lake. To further his education Dennis moved to Saskatoon, where he attended the College of Pharmacy at the University of Saskatchewan for two years, graduating in 1974 with a certificate in combined Lab and X-ray Technology. He worked in this field in Ituna and in Yorkton until January of 1976. One of his duties at the Yorkton Union Hospital was to assist the pathologist, Dr. Daisy Daza, in the performing of autopsies. After assisting with an autopsy of a brutally murdered man, he decided a change was needed. He joined Saskatchewan Telecommunications where he has remained for the past eleven years.

Dennis is married to Christine Delores, the daughter of John and Victoria Semchuk (nee Surkan). Chris was born on July 29, 1954. The Semchuk family farmed in the Insinger area until 1981, then moved to Yorkton. The girls attended grades 1 to 12 at Theodore, travelling by bus each day. Chris then attended the Saskatchewan Institute of Applied Arts & Science at Saskatoon, graduating in 1974 with a Diploma in Nursing. She has worked at the Yorkton Union Hospital since September of that year, mainly in the field of children's medicine and occasionally for Crestvue Ambulance as required.

The marriage of Chris and Dennis has been blessed with two sons, Timothy Dennis William, born May 12, 1975 and presently attending Dr. Brass School, and David John, born February 25, 1981, presently attending a French Immersion program at Columbia School. The family resides at 69 Stewart Crescent in Yorkton. Dennis has developed interests in photography, big game hunting and the collection of guns and weapons. Chris enjoys handicrafts and tennis and is a member of the local Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi.



Dan

Kay



Eugene



Leuba



Douglas



Eugene & Sue
Dana with Gretchen, Debra
& Kent



Leuba & Don
Monica & Marshall

KAY (FRANKO) STEVE ZEDERAYKO & DAN DANIELS

Having lived a colorful life, I now feel that if I were to do it again, I wouldn't change a thing - (well, maybe some things!).

I was born on the family homestead southwest of Buchanan on November 14, 1913. We attended Gravel Hill school, one and a half miles from home. Since our legs were our only mode of transportation we developed our muscles for hard work on the farm and participation in sports at school and other events.

I was only four years old when my mother died. My eldest sister, Dora, had to give up her schooling at an early age to assist Dad in raising all of us. My fondest recollection of my early years at home is, when Dad would take me along to bring Grandma home to do some preserving of the wild fruits that grew on our farm, pincherries, saskatoons, and cranberries mainly, as well as rhubarb jams. It was an all-day trip to Grandma's place and to pass the time we would sing. My brother Bill came with us also. Dad used to sing to us some of his church songs. (Being a cantor most of his life, he knew his chants.) Bill and I would

sing songs we had learned in Sunday School and school, and he loved that. During one of those trips Dad stopped at a country store and bought each of us our first cone of ice cream. While he went back to the store for supplies we ate our ice cream and threw away the cones thinking they were made from paper. Dad had a good laugh at us, and we never made that mistake again!

Dad had to be in church early before the congregation arrived. He and the priest went through a ritual of prayer, chants and incense burning, which fascinated me. He walked to church most of the times in the summer (feeling sorry for the work horses). Sunday morning he would ask: "Who is going to church with me?". I was always ready and sometimes Bill would come too. The rest of the family would come later. That is how I got in on the pre-service 'meditation'.

Another vivid recollection of those years was Dad's preparation for making the large batches of bread for the family. He would scrub his hands, trim his nails, and then he would light a candle and singe the hair on his forearms, so the dough would not stick to his arms while he was kneading the large vat full of dough. Because my sister Dora was not strong enough to handle the bread making and the laundry alone, Dad always came to her rescue.

Our aunts and uncles came to visit us often and I recall them wanting to take one of us to live with them. Being the third girl, one aunt was determined to take me for her own among her family of boys. When I was about nine years old, I agreed to go and live with her knowing very well that Dad would never give me up permanently. Just before I would leave I would ask Dad: "Will you come and pick me up soon?". His answer was a cheerful smile and a nod. This assured me that he would never give me up. In the years following I lived with other aunts and uncles and went to different schools. In retrospect, this helped to enrich my growing up years.

In the meantime Dad married a widow with seven children. This complicated things at home with over-crowding and conflicts between the two families. During these years, my eldest brother, Nick, and his wife Mary, got established on a farm near Watson. They opened their home to the younger members of the family. It wasn't long before I found myself living there. I spent most of my teens with them. I fondly remember living in this loving home, and occasionally working out at jobs in the Watson area. Pleasant, interesting, and co-operative were the friendly-spirited settlers in the Wimmer community. They built a hall which became the centre for many activities such as dances, plays, and concerts. These were all done by local amateur artists. It all helped to draw the community together.

This is where I met my future husband, Steve Zederayko, a

Pool grain buyer at Fosston. We were married on July 24, 1932 in St. Mary's United Church at Gorlitz. Out of this union we were blessed with a son, Eugene. He was only ten months old when his Dad went to Rochester for surgery on a nasal polyp infection caused by elevator dust. In the post surgery period, he developed spinal meningitis. There were no wonder drugs at that time, such as sulfa and penicillin, so he did not survive.

It was fortunate for me that my brother John (by giving up his teaching job) was able to get the grain buying agency. I could thus continue to live in the Pool house at Fosston, keep house for him and have a home for my child and myself.

In 1937, on July 11th, I married Dan Daniels, a "C.C.F.er" and a school teacher for some nine years, at St. Andrew's United Church in Canora. Teaching at that time was not a well-paying job, so we decided to go into a retail business of our own, with Robinson Little as supplier of dry goods and smallwares. Two years later, because we had a short term lease, the owner of the building terminated our lease and rented the building to the government for a liquor store. This left us without a place of business for over a year. We sought another location for months and eventually got established in business again in Canora, with living quarters upstairs. We continued our business there until we were able to construct our own building. We were associate members with Robinson Little until our retirement in 1973. Our franchise was the longest standing one on the prairies.

Dan continued his political activities through these years and often left me to raise the family and manage the store. Our daughter Leuba was born in 1940. Our second son was born in 1944, the year Tommy Douglas swept into power in Saskatchewan, so we named him Douglas. Dan was elected member for the Pelly constituency in that year.

During our childrens' growing up years, they were active in church activities, music, and sports. As they were diligent students at school, they won a number of top awards. They excelled in their own fields.

Eugene, whose hockey scholarships took him to Denver, Colorado, studied law and played hockey. He is now an attorney with a large firm in that city.

Leuba's field is education. She has four degrees, and has edited four books. She continues her teaching career in a high school in Winnipeg. With her husband Don, and their two children, Monica and Marshall, she has travelled extensively and has lived in France at various times, for a total of four years, while Don continued his studies for his Ph.D. In her travels, if there was a choir nearby, she was singing in it.

After finishing his B.A. at the University of Toronto, Doug took to world travel. He and a friend, whose father owned a freighter, got jobs on it and sailed around the world for a whole year. He has continued to travel throughout the world as a scholar and lecturer while he maintains his position as Professor of Sociology at the University of Regina.

We were fortunate to be able to take our family on tours to many parts of Canada and the U.S.A. I'm sure this enriched their lives and ours.

My husband Dan has always been an inspiration to me. I strongly believed that what he was doing in life was so right, whether in politics or teaching Sunday School. With him being town mayor for seven years, and serving on numerous boards, such as the Community College Board, I always felt he was doing our bit for humanity.

I also did my bit. Belonging to the executive of the Community Club, we built our first skating rink. With the C.C.F. I helped to organize many teas, raffles, banquets. and camps. Through the Home and School Association, I was active in catering to field meets, sports days, and graduation banquets. I have canvassed for the Cancer Society since 1939. In church work, I was president of the women's organization three different terms. My first love in church however, was choir work, and I have been a faithful alto for fifty years.

Now in our twilight years, we do our part in improving the lives of senior citizens. With Dan on the provincial board of the Senior Citizens' Organization, we have travelled extensively over the province. With Dan speaking and organizing in this capacity, and in former political years, we have met some wonderful people who are our friends now. Our friends are very important to us.

Dan and I are in reasonably good health, and are hoping to enjoy many years with our family of children, grandchildren and so far, one great-grandchild, Gretchen.

Eugene O. Daniels

Born: November 6, 1934: Rose Valley, Sask.

Parents: Kay Franko Daniels and Dan Z. Daniels

Married: Sue Pfeiffer August 11, 1956

Children: Dana Elizabeth, born December 6, 1958; Debra Kathleen,
born January 23, 1960 and Kent Stephen born April 15,
1963

Grandchildren: Gretchen Therese Murray, born March 22, 1982

Gene graduated from high school in Canora in 1952. All through the elementary grades and high school, Gene was active in oratorical contests. He went to the Provincial finals in Saskatoon and the Knights of Pythias North American Regional Finals in Pocatello, Idaho. Hockey and curling were his main sports but his main recreational activity now is golf.

The high school curling team skipped by Gene won the Canora Curling Club Championship. In the summer of 1952, he was awarded an athletic scholarship to Colorado College and played hockey for that school for three years. In June 1955 he graduated with a B.S. in geology.

Sue Pfeiffer was very active in campus politics and was co-editor of the school paper in her senior year. She was elected homecoming queen in 1953.

Sue and Gene both graduated in 1955 and were engaged at graduation. Sue went to Pasadena, California to teach school for a year and Gene went to work for Union Oil out of Calgary and Edmonton where he sat oil wells in Northern Alberta and the Northwest Territories most of that year. One memorable incident on well-sitting was when Gene attempted to leave the rig and go to Fort St. John because unfortunately, the car broke down 23 miles from the rig. He walked back in temperatures below 0 degrees, and when the crew went out the next day to pick up the car, they found footprints of a timber wolf following his footsteps for 5 miles to the rig site. Fortunately the timber wolf did not attack.

After graduating from the University of Denver School of law in June 1959 the Daniels family moved to Los Angeles where Gene was employed with the Security First National Bank in their Oil Loan Department. Banking and Los Angeles were not to the liking of the family and they returned to Denver in January 1961 where Gene went to work for Farmers Insurance Group of Companies as an insurance adjuster. He remained with this employer until June 1965. Then he went to work for the law firm where he is now

presently a Senior Partner. When Gene joined his law firm, there were 11 lawyers and there are now over 100. His area of practice is in civil litigation, representing defendants through their insurance coverage. Over the past 23 years, Gene has been involved in defense of products claimed to be defective with resulting injuries or death to plaintiffs, together with medical and legal malpractice defenses and a great number of automobile accident cases. The firm of Hall & Evans represents in excess of 50 insurance companies, including Gene's old employer, Farmers Insurance Group, which is one of the largest clients of the firm at the present time. They also represent Ford Motor Company. They were involved in representing MGM in the fire which took place in Las Vegas and presently are defending Continental Airlines in the plane crash which took place in Denver.

Gene and Sue's address is 3785 South Jersey, Denver, Colorado 80237, telephone number (303) 753-9349; office number is (303) 628-3325.

DANA ELIZABETH DANIELS MURRAY: Dana was her 9th grade president and editor of the yearbook. After graduation from East/Manual High School in 1977, she attended Colorado College and graduated in 1981 with a degree in political science and American history. She married Paul V. Murray, III on June 19, 1981 and was divorced on May 19, 1985. Their daughter, Gretchen Therese was born on March 22, 1982.

Dana attended the University of Denver College of Law and graduated in 1986 with a Juris Doctor Degree. Since that time she has worked as a Deputy District Attorney in Arapahoe County which is directly south of Denver. Her address is 3270 South Glencoe, Denver, Colorado 80222; telephone (303) 759-8495.

DEBRA KATHLEEN DANIELS VERATTI: Debra was born January 23, 1960 in Pasadena, California. All of her schooling was in Denver. After graduating from high school, Debbie attended Western State College in Gunnison, Colorado for two years. Pursuing a degree did not seem that interesting so she went to work for a geophysicist in Denver as a draftsman. She continued in this occupation for a few years until she met Alain Veratti, who is a native of France. They were married in January 1985 and have lived in the Denver area, Beverly Hills, California and presently in Caracas, Venezuela where Alain is a Chef at an exclusive private club. Debbie and Alain eventually plan to return to Denver and open their own French Restaurant.

KENT STEPHEN DANIELS: Kent was born April 15, 1963. His birthdate is never forgotten by his father since the I.R.S. are always breathing down his neck on that date.

"Kento" completed high school at Jefferson High School in

Denver and attended the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque for two years. Over the years he has gained experience in golf course maintenance and marketing of golf equipment. He is presently employed at a franchise golf store selling all types of golf equipment.

Leuba Sonia (Daniels) Bailey

Leuba (spelled with an "e") Sonia Daniels is a first name which, as Canada and I grow older, gains acceptance as typically Canadian. Between September 17, 1940, and 1987, when the rock group "Luba" became a teenage household word, much has happened to me and to Canadian families like ours.

My childhood is filled with images of the Franko family: the grey loaf of bread made under the careful supervision of Mary Franko, kneaded by my unwashed hands and set next to the large white loaves rising on top of the farm stove warming oven; many sized jars of "canned vegetables" plucked from the garden with my Drobot girl cousins, and put in water with crepe-paper colouring; the bunk-bed granaries at Uncle Nick's, redolent with the fertile scent of wheat and feet, and off-limits to the young girl cousin from Canora.

My memories of Canora are contained in the two Robinson stores, playing around the counters; walking to the "edge" of town (where Aunt Rose now lives) to pick pussy willows, or even more adventuresome, to the Waddell Hospital to see the new family member, Douglas. The two-and-a-half storey house we moved into after that last event became the focal point of our family life since then. Absolutely everyone who has ever visited it has had tea or a meal there. My wedding reception was held in its three gardens. People still remember the salmon we brought from Regina for the buffet. Arranging garden flowers is an art I practised out of my parents' garden very early, and I am developing it as a hobby in the Japanese style of Ikebana at present.

Life in Canora was physically centered by our house's location, equidistant between the elementary and high schools. Is it any wonder that I got addicted to the challenges and rigours of being a teacher? I always got out of bed at 8:45 and arrived with a few seconds to spare before the 9:00 bell. Canora teachers gave me the impression that they cared about learning and about music. I continue to love to read and to make music to this day. Wherever I have lived, I have sung in a choir, experiencing the major choral works from oratorios to madrigals, church anthems to musical comedy.

In our family, there was no visible pressure to excel, but with such active parents, there was an implicit expectation that we should do something different. My path has not been all that different, on the surface, for a woman of my generation. After qualifying as a high school English teacher at the University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon, I taught for one year in Regina at Martin Collegiate, and then married Don Bailey, an aspirant history professor, son of Dr. Allan Bailey and Dr. Mary Marshall of Saskatoon, on July 28, 1963.

We had two beautiful children: Monica Ruth, born December 15, 1964, and Marshall Charles, born June 14, 1966. Monica is now a music student (flute major) and Marshall a political science major at the University of Winnipeg where their father has taught history for almost twenty years. I have been homemaker and teacher, working part-time when I could, and taking my first long-term post at Kelvin High School in 1977. I now teach English and French at Daniel McIntyre, a high school with a proud tradition of service to new Canadians.

What is unusual about my life's path, then, is its diversity and irregularity. Over twenty years, I have achieved my B.A. ('63), B.Ed. ('65) M.Ed. ('76) and A.C.E. ('84). During these years I have edited and published four textbooks, three on immigrant literature in Canada, and one on George Orwell's novel, Nineteen Eighty-Four. My enthusiasm for these subjects has taken me on speaking engagements in most major cities in Canada, and I have worked on provincial and federal committees preparing English curricula.

My husband's Ph.D. studies in French history have led our family to Oxford, England ('63-'64), Minneapolis, Minnesota ('65-'67), Paris, France ('67-'69, '76-'77, and '84-'85). We have lived primarily in Winnipeg where Don pursues a lively interest in the N.D.P., the Health Sciences Centre board, the Unitarian Church, and French Minority Language rights. Like many other Franko grandchildren, ours have been enrolled in French Immersion schools and are now bilingual.

Our children have taken us to unusual places and spaces. Monica has won scholarships to the International Peace Gardens music camps. Her jobs as summer counsellor to mentally-handicapped children have taught us a great deal. Marshall chose to mount the ranks in Army Cadets winning placement at courses in Whitehorse, Ottawa, Banff, Dundurn, Victoria, and Germany. As young adults, they have both travelled on their own in Europe. The highlight of our last year in Europe as a family was a three-week trip to Greece, and the subsequent hosting of many of their young friends at our house near Paris.

Throughout our travels, we have found people universally hospitable. Our friends in England and France have treated us with kindest generosity, offering their homes for long-term occupancy. This generosity should not amaze me since I was brought up with it. Our small family will always return to Canora where we can experience our connection to time, in all the family reunions, and feel the family love that is expressed in things we have done (and eaten) together.

Doug Daniels

I feel truly blessed to have had a childhood in the simple and optimistic world that followed the depression and the desperately heroic war against Hitler. For us war babies the world was to be one of stability and abundance and nothing was going to be too good for us. Perhaps this atmosphere made our generation so obstreperous and so unwilling to accept obstacles. We were able to burst through the dam of the backward McCarthyite period that blocked all our parents' hopes for a world free of war and oppression. When we reached young adulthood in the 1960's we did far more than exploding the old order with the cultural revolution of "drugs, sex and rock and roll". Behind media pictures of free love, long hair and general outrageousness to those over thirty was a much deeper continuity with our parents, grandparents and beyond to all the salt of the earth peasant farmers of eastern Europe. This deep continuity was our struggle against war, exploitation and against every form of discrimination.

I also feel blessed to have been born at a time when horses pulled carts to deliver milk to your door and as a side benefit provided little round pucks to play hockey on the frozen streets. Lucky enough to raft on sloughs in the middle of town, to bicycle on sturdy balloon tires, to fish at the dam or to have weiner roasts in the wilderness half a mile from town. To be given praise and pennies and told that we were great friends of the farmers and even helping the world's food supply just for doing what destructive young boys love to do - committing mayhem at the gopher colonies. Lucky to freeze at the exquisitely cold open rinks under starry nights so bright that Van Gogh just might paint them. Playing fox and goose in the snow, sticking your tongue on a railway track at 40 below 0, dashing around at amazing wedding feasts, getting chased across the summer fallow by a crazed cousin on a tractor. Marc Chagall painted this in Europe, William Kurelek painted this in our prairies, and we got to actually live it in the age of innocence before Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome and the Strategic Defence Initiative.

I was blessed to see history in the making from my earliest years at Crystal Lake watching Tommy Douglas and others spreading the gospel for medicare and other forms of simple human decency. To see a community functioning with virtually no unemployment, with everyone contributing as a farmer, worker, merchant, teacher or preacher, where students studied at least a little, where social workers and psychologists were almost unknown and police had remarkably little to do. This was not a dreamy utopia, for we actually lived it and know it can be built again despite all those who tell us to accept worse and worse as normal. I watched my parents struggling for a better village, province and world community. I am still learning from them how to spend a lifetime bravely, selflessly and without assurance of success. Learning

from them how to behave like the simplest and truest of democrats - that you are better than no one and no one is better than you. The more I travel and study the more I realize how little I know beyond these basic truths.

Pleased in the context of the history, kin and community I just described, my own life is as thin as the membrane inside an eggshell, or the last millimeter of the present that the archeologist digs up. I went through school successfully, as we all did to meet the great hopes of our postwar parents. I won a few prizes for public speaking, running, jumping and studying. I became leader of the pack in Air Cadets - formally the rank of Warrant Officer - and developed my desire to explore every spot in the world after Cadets took me on an exchange visit to England. I went to the University of Toronto to become an archeologist and in succeeding summers excavated Indian villages and fur trade forts across Ontario and the prairies, plus a dig in Roman Britain. So I take the longer view of history though I try to speed it up as much as I can. Along with thousands of others I tried to speed it up in the nuclear disarmament movement, the desegregation movement around the U.S. "freedom rides", the cruel Vietnam war, and the struggle for native self government in Canada. This last mentioned struggle brought me back to Northern Saskatchewan and now the University of Regina, as Professor of Sociology. Through all this I was more likely to be found at a meeting or a demonstration than in the library. Fortunately my folks had made me smart enough to pass and win a few scholarships anyway. I was also a logger in the Yukon and a North Atlantic seaman in attempts to avoid my destiny as a scholar. Through all the political activism I was never put in jail but have defended others in the courtroom, been chased by police on horses, and thrown through the air several times in the passive-resistance advocated by Gandhi and Martin Luther King Jr. I have no war wounds except the invisible scars left by horrible sectarian politics, and arthritis from bad sidewalk landings and other side effects of passive resistance. It has all made for a richer, stronger, wonderful life.

I have covered the globe several times and have been on all continents but Antarctica. I have worked for Native organizations in the North West Territories and other parts of Canada, and often teach extension classes for Indian and Metis students. I have worked and studied in countries of all political systems and learned how many decent courageous people there are on this planet. North America definitely does not have a monopoly on goodness. Mostly recently I visited some remarkably heroic people in South Africa and saw how such people who have overpowering reasons to hate in fact carry forward their battle for justice with great love. No matter how cruelly they are treated they are doing their superhuman best to make sure their new society is not built on hatred.

Of course the things I learn as I read and travel are for a purpose -- to carry forward the tradition I described, and to make sure the circle will be unbroken, generation to generation and round the whole world. This is the least we can do with such an inheritance.



William Gregory/Laura Louise Franko

WILLIAM GREGORY FRANKO was born on August 15, 1915 at Buchanan, Sask. on Sec. 32-30-6-W2nd M. R.M. #274. At age 15 he moved from the home farm to Watson, Sask., where his older brothers Nick and George were farming. In June 1937 Bill gave up working out on farms and sampled travel via freight trains to Hamilton, Ontario where he gained employment at the C.I.L. Plant. After two years he had had enough of the smelly chemical plant and this motivated him to venture into marine engineering. A series of extensive courses and advanced on-the-job training on the West Coast prepared Bill to spend forty of his fifty working years in the marine industry. During that time, approximately two years (1944-1946) was spent in the military service, the latter part with the water transport of the R.C.A.S.C. (Pacific Command). For twenty years prior to retirement in 1980, his position was Chief Engineer with the British Columbia Ferry Corporation, Vancouver, B.C.

Early in 1950 while working and living in Kelowna, B.C. he met Laura Louise Kopp, originally from Quill Lake, Sask. Laura was born on February 16, 1925, eldest daughter of Fred and Lina Kopp. Her father originated from the Black Forest area of Germany (b.1884-d.1955), her mother from near Stuttgart (b.1898-d.1975). Her parents farmed 5 1/2 miles north of the village of Quill Lake and raised show quality Pure Bred Belgian horses. Laura received her education at Hacienda School and Quill Lake High School. She then attended Luther College in Regina and completed Teacher Training in Saskatoon. She taught school in LeRoy, Sask. before moving to Kelowna where she accepted a position with the Bank of Montreal.

On November 3, 1951 Bill and Laura were married in Kelowna, B.C. Their two daughters, Cheryl and Gail, were born there. In June of 1960, after the bridge replaced the three ferry boats on Okanagan Lake, Bill, Laura and family moved to the Coast and have lived there since.

In 1977 Bill and Laura joined a group of friends and travelled for six weeks through eight countries in Europe. While in Germany Laura took the opportunity of visiting some of her relatives. In London one of the highlights was the Silver Jubilee of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. Two years after Bill's retirement, Laura and Bill took a three month trip through the South Pacific visiting the Islands of Fiji, Western Samoa, Cook Islands, Tahiti and on to New Zealand and Australia, spending most of their time in New Zealand where their younger daughter now lives.

Since retirement Bill keeps himself active looking after their home in 'sunny Tsawwassen', works on miscellaneous projects in his work shop and above all, enjoys the great outdoors. The challenge of landing a beautiful rainbow trout or outsmarting an elusive elk is always a generous bonus. He says, "So far I've

managed to stay clear of getting a bear hug by a mad grizzly." In his opinion the key to enjoying retirement to the fullest is to let the scale balance heavier on the play side rather than the work side.



Cheryl Lynn Franko

Cheryl Lynn Franko was born on October 6, 1953 in Kelowna, B.C. and raised in the suburb of Tsawwassen near Vancouver. After studying linguistics and communications at Simon Fraser University, she went to Latin America in 1980 where she worked in Guatemala, Colombia and Brazil and travelled the South American continent extensively. There she organized peasants, worked on nutrition and agrarian reform projects, taught Spanish and English and did ethnomusicological field work. In Sao Paulo, Brazil her last position was at the Barclay's Bank where she was responsible for all technical translation from Portuguese to English.

Currently she is about to move back to Vancouver to work in Arts Management and Film Production.



Gail Franko/Gerald Rushton

Gail was born in Kelowna, B.C. on October 12, 1956. She moved to Tsawwassen, south of Vancouver, when her father's work with the B.C. Ferries took the family to the Pacific Coast. She developed an appetite for travel at an early age as the family took advantage of the six day breaks in her father's shiftwork and headed into the B.C. outdoors for some camping, fishing and wilderness exploration, days now treasured by Gail. Later at the age of sixteen she studied and visited with her maternal family in Germany. After earning the Gold Cord in Guiding, she attended a multicultural workshop in Mexico. That was enough to stimulate her interest in more distant lands and cultures. Following the completion of her B.Sc. in Botany at the University of British Columbia, she explored the jungles, pampas and mountains of South America and a biologists' paradise, the Galapagos Islands. Summers between university years were spent in remote natural areas throughout B.C. surveying vegetation in Ecological Reserves or employed as a naturalist guide in B.C. Parks.

It was on a field trip to the Queen Charlotte Islands with a group of naturalists that Gail met Gerry, son of Marion and Charles Rushton. Gerry had just returned from six years' travel through the South Pacific, South East Asia and Europe. He, also, had worked as a Park Naturalist while earning his B.Sc. at the University of Victoria. His interest in nature and exploration came through years of field trips as a child in South Vancouver Island with the wonderful and caring naturalist, Freeman King. Gail and Gerry, with so much in common, inevitably became lifelong companions. After a few years of teaching botany at U.B.C., Gail, with Gerry, set off for travels in the South Pacific, and, in particular, New Zealand. Then, on her own, she made her way by yacht, local buses, etc., through Vanuatu and the Solomon Islands, S.E. Asia and the Indian subcontinent.

Gail and Gerry, now married, have settled in Nelson, New Zealand, and work in the fields of biological research and environmental planning. On their first day together they discovered that they both hold the philosophy that humans and the myriad of creatures we know as nature share a common world and have an interdependent future. Similarly, humans, regardless of color, language, and culture have more similarities than differences and are a family not limited by ideologies. To find peace either with nature or other humans depends upon the acceptance, understanding and appreciation of the exciting diversity of life and culture.



Dan & Rose Zederayko & son Greg, 1962



Greg & Maida - Daniel, Alexis & Katrina

ROSE ZEDERAYKO (FRANKO) & DANIEL ZEDERAYKO

I am the youngest child born to Ilia and Erena Franko on March 4, 1917 on a farm six miles south of Buchanan, Sask. Our family was deeply saddened by the early death of our dear mother during an influenza epidemic in 1918. This created a tremendous hardship for our Dad for he had to assume the role of both father and mother. With the help of our grandmother and the older children, Dad, very ably, succeeded in farming and raising the family.

As I reflect on my childhood, I remember much joy. We were a family of nine and so were never lonely. Our yard was always a popular playground for softball and other games. Highjump was very competitive but I would not be left out - I simply had to jump my height! Brother Bill held one end of the rope while the other end was tied to a hay rack. Because I failed to complete my jump, Bill let go of the rope which, neatly, wrapped itself around my neck and created a painful rope burn. Softball has been one of my favourite games throughout my school days - even well into my married life. To prove that I have a crooked chest bone and scars under each eye from the flying bat.

At the age of thirteen I moved to Watson, Sask. to live at the home of my eldest brother Nick and his family. With the help of all my brothers and sisters I received my education at Watson and Saskatoon, graduating with a diploma in Cosmetology which enabled me to own and operate my own Beauty Salon for twelve years.

In 1945 I married Daniel Zederayko. Soon after our marriage Daniel decided to attend the College of Pharmacy at the University of Saskatchewan. To help with his education I continued to operate my Beauty Salon at Watson until he graduated in 1950. That same year we opened a Pharmacy at Invermay, Sask. where we resided until 1957.

While living at Watson I threw my first curling rock. Soon I learned to enjoy the sport immensely and I participated actively until 1985. A number of trophies, a silver medal from Winter Games playdowns, a chance to compete in the Provincial Finals and the wonderful fellowship of curlers were the memorable highlights of the game for me. The second love was choral singing which I began in public school and still enjoy till this day.

Our son, Gregory William, was born in Invermay on April 16, 1957. That same year we moved to Canora, Sask. and purchased Kotlar's Drugs which we operated until 1972.

Among various vacations, Daniel and I took a trip to Ukraine in 1970 to visit the homeland of the Ilia Franko family. My

grandparents' house was dismantled but the well remained. We brought home a sample of the soil from the land where the house stood and feel that it symbolizes a part of our Dad's life.

Daniel Zederayko, after two heart operations within seventeen years, died in 1972 at the age of fifty years. After selling our drug store I was employed as a Co-ordinator for the Community College for a number of years. I now reside, in retirement, in Canora.

Gregory William Zederayko was born on April 16, 1957.

The family moved from Invermay to Canora when he was only a few months old, and took up residence above the family drugstore on Main Street. It is here that his earliest memories begin--sliding down a large wooden slide covered in ice for sledding, riding his 'trike throughout the house, and sticking a metal coated toy knife into an electrical outlet (once). A few short years later the family moved to a house further down Main Street at 8th Avenue. These were the school years, from kindergarten through high school. He studied piano and saxophone, both in private lessons and playing in the school bands. Academics and music seemed to be Greg's forte. Summers were spent swimming at the family's cabin at nearby Crystal Lake.

He was a member of Cubs, then Boy Scouts, and Air Cadets. His love of animals (particularly dogs), continues to this day. In 1974 it was time to move away from home to attend the University of Saskatchewan in Saskatoon. Renting an apartment with two high school friends, Greg studied Electrical Engineering and graduated in 1978. The university years were some of the most memorable to date, with a new freedom and vast opportunity. Summers were spent surveying and the "first car" was purchased, adding mobility to the freedom. Not wanting to be smothered by the purely academic side of university life, Greg attended many social functions and got involved in the Engineering Students Society, including holding executive positions. There were rumors that he was seen commanding the Engineers' infamous "tank" across campus. Being a contributing editor to the Engineering newspaper 'The Red Eye' offered another diverse, albeit precarious, facet to academic life.

It was in Engineering at the University that Greg met Maida Lucile Patton. Maida was born in Wilmington, Delaware in 1955, daughter of Alfrieda and C.F. (Pat) Patton. Her parents moved extensively across North America for many years during her childhood, finally settling in Saskatoon. Upon graduation Maida and Greg moved to Calgary, with Greg working for Calgary Power, an electric utility. Spare time was spent by both Maida and Greg playing raquetball and sky diving. They bought their first house, which was sold after three years in the city when Greg accepted a position with Federal Pioneer Limited in Edmonton. Moving to St. Albert, a city near Edmonton, a house was purchased just in time for the birth of their first daughter, Katrina Lucile, in 1981. This was followed by a second daughter, Alexis Rose, in 1982 and a son, Daniel Francis, in 1984.

Greg joined the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers and has held numerous positions on their executive for the local section. His hobbies include: raquetball, waterskiing, reading, music, choral group singing and competitive handgun shooting. Maida has chosen the far more difficult task

of homemaker. Her hobbies include raquetball, choral group singing, music and gardening.



Victoria & Alex



L to R: Dale, Leonard, Maryann
& Dean Fincaryk



L to R: Back row: Delores,
Clarence & Walter Kresak
Front row - Carley & Curtis
Kresak



Leonard



L to R: Gloria & Ron Kojelka &
their children: Charlotte,
Leslie & Ron Jr.



Valerie & Daniel Chupik

VICTORIA & ALEX BURATENSKI (FRANKO)

The first child of Ilia and Mary (Elaschuk), his second wife, was Victoria. She was born on August 23, 1928 on the home place (NE 32-30-6-,W2nd). She attended Gravel Hill School and remembers having cousin Mary Shumey (Franko) for a teacher. There were numerous chores on the farm and Victoria shared in them all, as was required of any member of a farm family at the time. She married Alex Buratenski, son of John and Annie (Stats). Both his parents came from Ukraine. Alex was born on December 22, 1921 on a farm near Theodore. To this marriage were born five children: Maryann, Delores, Leonard, Gloria and Valerie. Victoria likes to call herself a housewife and a farm helper. They took up farming on Sec. 15-30-7, W2nd and are farming to this day, but are slowly phasing out. One incident she recalls involved Alex driving the tractor and Victoria operating the binder. She didn't know much about the machine but she knew enough to hang on to the seat. In fact she held on so tightly that the seat broke off and she landed on the ground. That ended her harvesting career. Once while baling hay, she drove the tractor and Alex operated the stooker. It was getting late and they were in a hurry to finish. "But I lost my man midway around the field," she said. Victoria is active in the church and with the ladies organization in particular. Mamornitz Church, their country church, held its 80th Anniversary in 1985 and she was quite involved.

Maryann was born on August 27, 1946. She attended school in Mamornitz and then worked at MacLeods's in Canora. She married Leonard Fincaryk, the son of Bill and Margie Fincaryk of Sturgis. They settled in Lethbridge, where he is in construction, building homes. Maryann is a housewife and a mother of two children: Dale, born November 25, 1968, and Dean, born March 26, 1970. Both are attending school in Lethbridge.

Delores was born on January 5, 1948. She attended public school in Mamornitz and high school in Foam Lake. She worked out for a time, then decided to become her own employer, that is, a housewife, a mother and doer of all the jobs required of a farmwife. She married Walter Kresak, son of Wasyl and Katie Kresak of Rama. Currently they are farming near Hazeldell and raising a family of three: Clarence, born May 2, 1968, who is attending high school in Sturgis, Coraley, born May 29, 1973 and Curtis, born July 28, 1976. The latter are attending school at Hazeldell.

Leonard was born on December 23, 1949 in Theodore and attended school in Buchanan. He was a grain buyer for the Pool for several years, and is now doing carpentry work in Lethbridge.

Gloria was born on February 26, 1957 in Theodore and attended school in Buchanan. She married Ron Konjelka, son of Walter and Stella Konjelka of Okla. Ron is employed with the Department of Highways doing construction work. They make their home in Ituna. Gloria and Ron have three children: Leslie, born January 3, 1978, Ron Jr., born January 8, 1979 and Charlette Jean, born January 26, 1982.

Valerie was born on December 12, 1961 in Canora and attended school in Buchanan. Upon graduation she went to work in Saskatoon and later in Yorkton. She settled in Canora for awhile, then attended Kelsey Institute in Saskatoon to qualify herself as a Home Care Maker, looking after the elderly in their homes. After 2 1/2 years she moved to Flin Flon, Manitoba to seek new employment and adventure. She married Daniel Chupik, son of Bill and Verna Chupik of Amsterdam, Sask. A daughter, Lyndsay, was born to them on August 4, 1986.

MICHAEL FRANKO

The second and youngest child of Ilia's second marriage is Michael. He attended Gravel Hill School and later took high school in Quill Lake. Shortly thereafter, he went to Toronto and found work in a steel factory. Eventually he became the owner of this factory. He married a girl by the name of Sally. We know that she loves painting. She does bookwork for Michael. They have two children: a son, David and a daughter, Lorraine.

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OTTAWA, 190.....

Sir:—

I have to inform you that a patent for 1.64
of Section 32 in Township 31
Range 6 West of the 2nd Meridian,
bearing date the 1st
March, 1908, has issued in your name, and that
it has been forwarded to the Registrar of the Land Registration
District of OTTAWA
who will issue the certificate of title upon receipt of your application to
him therefor, and upon payment of the proper fees, if any.

For this purpose please place yourself in communication
with that official, giving him your full name and your Post Office
address. His address is

I am Sir,

Your obedient servant,

PERLEY G. KEYES,

Secretary.

To: Thia Franko, Esq.
Buchanan
St.

Sworn Statement of

Lia Franks

in support

of his application for Homestead Patent for North East
of Sections 32 Twp. 30 Rgs 6 N. 2 Meridian.

1. What is your name in full, age, occupation and Post Office address?

Lia Franks age 32

2. Are you a British subject by birth or naturalization? If naturalized, state when and where.

Farmer, BuchananBy naturalization, Chicago, Ill.

3. When did you obtain entry for this homestead?

Sept 13, 1905

4. When did you build your house thereon? And when did you begin actual residence thereon?

May 1905. From that date

5. What portion of each year since that date have you resided thereon? State each month, or parts thereof.

Residing usually to present time

6. When absent from your homestead where have you resided and what has been your occupation?

Not absent

7. If you have lived on land owned by yourself in the vicinity, answer the following questions:-

(a.) Describe such land.

(b.) When did you become the owner of it?

(c.) How did you acquire it?

(d.) What buildings have you on it?

(e.) Do you own the said land at the present time?

(f.) What residences have you performed on it?

8. Of whom do your family consist, when did they first commence residence upon this homestead, and for what portion of each year since that date have they resided upon it?

Self, wife & 4 children
lived with me on this
homestead

9. How much breaking have you done upon your homestead in each year since you obtained entry, and how many acres have you cultivated each year?

Year 1905 broke 15 acres, cropped 5 acres

Year 1906 " 20 " 10 "

Year 1907 " 14 " 26 "

Year 1908 " " " "

Year 1909 " " " "

Year 1910 " " " "

Year 1911 " " " "

1905. 2 oxen 10 head cattle

1906 2 horses 10 "

1907 2 " 13 "

10. How many horned cattle, horses, sheep and pigs, of which you are owner, have you had on your homestead each year since date of partaking entry? Give number in each year.

11. What is the size of your house on your homestead, of what material, and what is its present cash value?

36 x 14 ft log shingle roof value \$250

12. What extent of fencing have you made on your homestead, and what is the present cash value thereof?

320 rods 2 wires value \$75

13. What other buildings have you erected on your homestead? What other improvements have you made thereon, and what is the cash value of the same?

1 stable 27 x 24 logs value \$75Shed for pigs 10 x 15 mil \$40No

14. Are there any indications of minerals or quarries on your homestead? If so, state nature of same, and whether the land is more valuable for agricultural than any other purpose.

Mixed farmingAc. 72 2 30 7 1/2 1/2 HomesteadNo

15. Have you had any other homestead entry? If so, describe it and say what became of it?

16. Have you assigned, assigned or transferred, or agreed to mortgage, assign or transfer your present homestead or any part thereof? If so, when and to whom?

To wit: Lia Franko do solemnly swear that the answers to the foregoing questions are true and correct in every particular. That I claim a Patent for this Homestead under the provisions of the "Dominion Lands Act."

That I obtained an entry, and claim a Patent for the same for my own benefit, and not in the interest or for the benefit of any other person or persons whatsoever.

SO HELP ME GOD.

Sworn before me at YORKTON this 22 day of December 1907. Lia Franko having first been read over and explained to the said applicant.

Jas. C. Becher
Agent of the Dominion Lands, &c.
Homestead-Inspector for the YORKTON District.

I recommend the foregoing application for Patent, believing that the homestead requirements of the "Dominion Lands Act" have, in this case, been complied with.

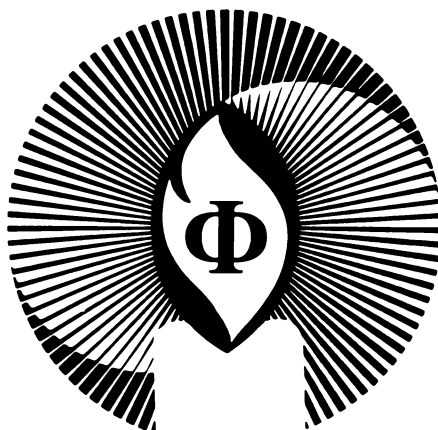
Dated at YORKTON this 7th day of Jan 1908.
Jas. C. Becher
Local Agent for Dominion Lands for YORKTON District.
Ottawa, JAN 11 1908

Accepted as sufficient,
F. H. Roy Dixon
Commissioner.

DATE OF CERTIFICATE OF NATURALIZATION 20-5-04
RECEIVED AND RETURNED TO HOMESTEADER.

The Officer taking this application for patent is requested to exercise particular care that the name of the homesteader is given in full and correctly spelt.

ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY BOARD
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WITHOUT PERMISSION



Clan II



Stefan & Paraskevia -
earlier years



Stefan & Parakevia on
their 60th Anniversary

CLAN II

STEFAN & PEARL FRANKO (DROZDIUK)

Stefan was the third child born to Gregory and Zanchera, in the village of Vaselovitz, Powit, Chernivtsi, Bukovina, Ukraine. He came to Canada with his older brother, Ilia, in 1899 at the age of 19 years. They worked at whatever was available, mostly on farms and on the railroad. The first objective was to file on a homestead as soon as there were a few dollars available. The Department of the Interior documentation shows that Stefan took a homestead on the NE 22-29-7, W2nd, and obtained Letters Patent (title) dated 16th August, 1907. At this time he had 18 acres broken, had 11 head of cattle, a log house, a stable and a granary. The capital extended on these items was \$110.

On February 5th, 1906 Stefan married Paraskevia (Pearl) Drozdiuk, a daughter of Dmytro and Dora (Surkan). The marriage took place at Theodore. They were blessed with ten children: Nick, who passed away in 1971 at age 64, John of Yorkton, Bill of Foam Lake, Mike of Watson, Alex of Chatham, Ont., Mac of Brampton, Ont., Henry of Kelowna, B.C., Mary (Wasylovich) of St. Catharines, Ont., George of Grimsby, Ont., and Kay (Melnychuk) of Regina. They all attended Chernovetz School. A teacher by the name of Deyholos taught Ukrainian after school. He organized a drama club and the older members took part in plays and in song.

One of Stefan's nephews remembers something that he said to him. Uncle Stefan had had an ailing knee for a long time. The nephew sat close to Uncle and they talked. He asked Uncle Stefan, "How painful is your knee?". "Oh, very painful, son, but if only the pain would go into the other knee, it just wouldn't be as painful."

Stefan passed away on January 6, 1971 at the age of ninety-one, and was buried in the Theodore cemetery. Pearl passed away on June 4, 1986 and was buried alongside her husband.



Nick & Irene going to
Yorkton (honeymoon) 1937



Nick & son Dennis 1958



Jerry, Jeanette &
Jeffry Nykoliation



Dennis



Irene, Jeanette &
Jeffry Nykoliation
3 generations



Nick & his Rumley vintage

NICHOLAS FRANKO

Nicholas (Nick) Franko was born in July 1907 in the Theodore district. He received his schooling at Chernovetz. He helped not only his dad with the farming chores, but also his mother with the ironing and kneading of bread. Being the eldest of the children, he was obliged to leave school early to work on the farm and with threshing gangs. At that time he did not mind leaving school.

On October 16, 1937 he married Irene Kozak, daughter of Metro and Mary Kozak of the Insinger district. For their honeymoon they went to Yorkton and saw a movie. Initially they lived in a one-room house which was in his parents' yard. Nick owned a Rumley tractor which he used for breaking land. In the winter he sawed and sold wood. In 1940 he and Irene moved to Toronto, Ontario, joining Nick's brothers, Alex, Matt and Mike. Nick got a job at Toronto Carpet at 35 cents an hour and Irene worked in a sewing factory. Later Irene got a job at Rowntree's. Now they had all the chocolate they wanted - all the broken pieces. When they went out for a meal in a restaurant it cost 25 cents, for a full course meal with dessert and beverage. At that time a plate of perogies was 15 cents. In 1942 they moved to Windsor, Ontario where Nick had a job at Ford. Nick's brothers, Bill and Matt stayed with them so Irene stayed home as there were meals to be made and more clothes to wash and iron for the "boarders". During the War in 1944 they were told to go back to the farm, as that was where they came from. They rented some land and farmed north of Theodore. Soon after they moved to Fort William (now Thunder Bay), where Nick worked at the grain terminals for about one year. In 1947 he got a call from Federal Grain Limited to train for a manager. Nick had always wanted to work in a grain elevator. So, they moved back to Theodore where Nick trained under Mr. Nick Bilokryly. Then in 1948 he got his own elevator at Broad Valley, Manitoba, north of Winnipeg.

On May 22, 1950, a daughter Jeanette was born in Winnipeg during the flood. Irene had some trouble with this birth and was transferred from Teulon Hospital to Winnipeg. The doctor drove her himself through streets where the water was so deep it seeped through the doors of the car. Nick was in the process of getting another elevator which would be closer to home - Theodore and Insinger. So when he came to see Irene after the baby was born, he had just come from this new place and told her all about it. With all the excitement he even forgot to see the baby until the next day. Two weeks later they moved to Oakburn, Manitoba where Nick continued to buy grain for Federal Grain Limited until his death. On November 7, 1957 a son, Dennis, was born at the Shoal Lake Hospital. Finally Nick had his son. He enjoyed playing with his children - baseball and croquet in the summer and cards in the winter. Jeanette and Dennis always enjoyed playing cards with their dad, as he always made some remarks during the game

which made it very enjoyable. Everyone enjoyed summer evening rides into the country. Right after supper, Nick would say he's going for a ride, "who's coming?". Many times the dishes didn't get done until much later because they all went for a ride into the countryside. Nick would usually stop at the cafe and buy ice-cream cones before the ride. On November 19, 1971 Nick passed away after a brief encounter with cancer and is buried in the Oakburn Ukrainian Orthodox Cemetery.

In 1966 Irene started working as a cook at the Shoal Lake Hospital and continued until her retirement in August 1983. During the last seven years she was the dietary supervisor. She enjoyed her work very much and missed it for awhile. In the fall of 1975 Irene moved from Oakburn to Shoal Lake to be closer to her place of work. At that time she lived in a mobile home. In May of 1986 she moved to an apartment at Lakeshore Lodge (a senior citizens lodge) and enjoys the company and activities.

Jeanette married Jerry Nykoliation on July 23, 1977. They reside on the family grain farm 12 miles west of Shoal Lake. Before that, Jeanette lived in Brandon and had worked for Mutual Life of Canada for 7 years. On October 1, 1979 a son, Jeffrey, was born at the Brandon General Hospital. Jeffrey is now in grade 2 and goes to Shoal Lake Elementary School and enjoys visiting "baba".

Dennis currently resides in Winnipeg and is still single. He received his Survey Technology Certificate in 1980. He is continuing his education at the University of Manitoba and hopes to receive his Bachelor of Arts degree shortly. He also works with the city of Winnipeg.



L to R: Martin, Rose, Dora &
John



John & Dora
with grandchild



Betty & Kevin

JOHN FRANKO

John Franko was born on June 24, 1909 in the Theodore district and received schooling at Chernovetz School. He worked on a farm in Manitoba for about five years. He married Dora Domneka Franko (nee Pidhorney), a classmate at Chernovetz School. She was born on November 24, 1909 in the Buchanan district. She is the daughter of George and Mary Pidhorney, who came from the Ukraine in the early 1900's. John and Domneka rented land north of Theodore.

In the early 1940's they bought land in the Spalding district and had many beautiful crops. The land was sold in the late fall of 1954 and they moved to Yorkton where they bought a service station known as Franko's Esso Service Station. They raised three children.

Martin Franko was born on July 19, 1935 in the Theodore district. He helped his dad with the service station for a few years. He decided to be more independent and in 1957 he took employment with the Yorkton Bus Depot as a Ticket Agent. In 1958, he was employed as a Shipper/Receiver at Auto Electric in Yorkton and in 1959, by Saskatchewan Government Department of Highways as a Survey-Aide Crew Assistant. On June 13, 1960 Martin started working for the Yorkton Fire Department and is presently working for Canada Parcel Post. In 1962 he was united in marriage to Lillian Diak, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Diak of Springside, Saskatchewan. On September 10, 1963, a lovely daughter, Brenda, was born. Their second daughter was born on October 8, 1964 and they named her Debbie. They both graduated at the Yorkton Regional High School. Brenda is presently employed with the Bank of Montreal. She is married to Randy French and they reside in Yorkton. Debbie continued her education as a hairstylist and then decided to take further schooling in the clerical field. Martin and Lillian reside in Yorkton.

In 1941 the family was blessed with a lovely daughter named Rose. She attended Simpson School in Yorkton (grades 7 and 8) and high school at the Yorkton Collegiate. In 1960 she was united in marriage with Steve Mizinski. Shortly thereafter they moved to Saskatoon where Steve is employed at the University of Saskatchewan as a photographer. Rose is employed with Pinder's Drug Store. They have two daughters: Kevette, born in 1962, and Kimberly, born in 1964. Both have graduated from Walter Murray Collegiate in Saskatoon.

A second daughter, Betty, was born in Yorkton in 1957. She attended elementary school at Angus Spice and Dr. Brass schools and graduated from the Yorkton Regional High School. Her first job was at Yorkton Plaza Florists. She moved to Regina in 1978

where she worked at Mappin's Jewellery Store and at Veteran's Affairs in 1980. She moved to Saskatoon where she presently resides and works at Super Valu store. In January 1984 she married Kevin Clackson. Kevin is into the Real Estate business.



Bill & Mary - 40th Anniversary 1984



A family unit L to R: standing - Darlene, Jerry, Robert, Elaine & Timothy. Sitting - Tanya, Nadine, Bill, Mary & Tina

WASYL FRANKO

Wasył (Bill) Franko was born December 22, 1911 in the Theodore district. He received his schooling in the Chernovetz School for a period of five years. His first job was in Ontario at the Ford Factory. Later he worked at General Motors and at the Pelee Onion Plantation. Bill then left Ontario and came back to Saskatchewan to his parents farm in Theodore. He met his future wife, Mary Lopaschuk, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Lopaschuk, at a wishing well from where everyone drew water. They married at Riverside Church on July 15, 1944 and settled at Runciman, Sask. Eight months after the wedding Bill had a medical set-back, which laid him up from 1945 until May 1946. He obtained work with the C.P.R. In 1947 their first child, Robert William, was born at Tisdale, Sask. In 1949 the family moved to Springside, Sask. and then to Leslie, Sask. Their final move was to Foam Lake, Sask. Their second son, Jerry Dale, was born at Foam Lake Union Hospital in 1957. Both sons attended school at Foam Lake Public and Composite schools, graduating in 1966 and 1974. As a result of an eye injury in 1964 Bill had to take an early retirement in 1972, after 25 years with the C.P.R.

In September 1984 Bill and Mary celebrated their 40th Wedding Anniversary in the Foam Lake Ukrainian Orthodox Church with a supper and a dance in the Ukrainian Orthodox Sunset Hall. Bill and Mary continue to reside in Foam Lake, enjoying their retirement.

Robert started work with Canada Safeway in Weyburn, Sask. in 1972. There he met his future wife Elaine Crumbly, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Crumly of Weyburn, Sask. Robert and Elaine were married at the Foam Lake Ukrainian Orthodox Church. They reside in Foam Lake and Robert presently works at Canada Safeway Parkland Mall in Yorkton. In July of 1976 their first child, Timothy Paul, was born at the Yorkton Union Hospital. Their second child, Tina Marie, was born in July 1978 at the Yorkton Union Hospital.

Jerry married his school sweetheart, Darlene Balanko at the Ukrainian Orthodox Church in Foam Lake in August 1977. At the time she was residing at her grandmother's home (Mrs. Annie Roseicki) in Tuffnell, Sask. Darlene is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Balanko of Edmonton, Alberta. Jerry and Darlene settled in Yorkton where he worked for Morris Rodweeder Company for approximately two years. They then moved to Calgary, Alberta to start their own construction business. They moved the company to Edmonton, Alberta in 1981. Their first born was Nadine. She came in September, 1982. Their second child, Tanya, was born in Saskatoon in June, 1984. At the present time Jerry is employed with Saskatchewan Motor Club, in Saskatoon.



**Mike & Martha
Their 35th Anniversary**



Carole, their oldest & Doug
Haussecker and their children:
Jim & Lana



Iris & Gordon Dempster
with Kyle & Scott



David belongs to Iris & Gordon



Danny & Valerie & their
children: Todd & Tricia



Howard & his son, Joey

MIKE FRANKO

Mike was born on November 11, 1914 in Theodore district. He took his schooling at Chernovetz school. At 18 years of age he went to Chatham, Ontario where he worked for Libby's of Canada for 6 years. Then he enlisted in the army and served in the Irish Regiment of Canada in the fifth Canadian Armour Division, attached to the Eighth British Army. He fought all the way through Italian Campaign and in France, Belgium and Holland. In 1946 he came back home to Theodore for a year. He married Martha Derow of Springside in 1948. They moved to Prince George, B.C. where Mike worked in the Lumber Mill and Martha worked in a cafe. They moved back to Watson, Sask. in 1950. They bought a house where they raised four children and Mike worked for the John Deere Shop for 20 years. In 1970 he bought a garage of his own and worked until 1979 when he sold it and retired.

Carole married a local boy, Doug Houssecker. They are partners in Watson Meat Processors Business and both work there. This marriage endeared them with a son, Jim and a girl, Lana.

Iris married Gordon Dempster. They have three sons: David, Scott and Kyle. They live in Hudson Bay, Sask. where Gordon is an electrician and works at the Lumber Mill. Iris works part-time as a Teachers Aide in School. Scott and Kyle are in school while David graduated from Grade 12 and works in Watson, Sask.

Danny married Valerie (Jobb) and settled in Watson, Sask. They have a boy, Todd and a girl, Tricia. The children are still in school. Danny rents a shop and works as a mechanic. Valerie works part-time.

Howard and Cindy (Held) of Watson have two boys: Joey and Jamie. Howard works as a Meat Cutter in a Co-op Store and Cindy works in the Hospital as a Nurse.



Alex & Ann & daughter Maryann



Ron, Elaine & Jennifer



Lawrence & Lorna &
daughter Candice



Gaylord & baby Megan, Marg &
daughter Melanie

ALEX FRANKO

I was born August 11, 1919, the fifth son of Stefan and Paraskitza Franko who had ten children in all. I guess they were planning on forming a baseball team.

When my parents were leaving the Ukraine, the poet Ivan Franko said, "What a shame that young people have to leave when they should have abundance of everything on this land". I was fortunate that they moved to Canada where this land provides plenty of abundance of its own.

I obtained a grade 8 education at Chernovitz school in Sask. I furthered my education greatly to this day through life's experiences. When I was fifteen years old I worked on my brother's farm. One day I was burning weeds and it was so hot and I was so thirsty I thought I would die before I finished the half-mile walk back to the house. When I got there I was glad to see the water. It was so good I could hardly stop drinking.

Across from my brother's farm was a farm owned by George and Mary Andrusak. Besides raising crops, little did I know at the time, they were also raising a nice young girl for me. More about that later.

I then went to work on the farm of my cousin, Metro Franko in Spalding, Sask. One wintery day we went to get a load of wood. Metro cut the trees and I trimmed the branches. On the last log I nipped my knee with the hatchet. Metro's wife cleaned the cut well but I must have got a cold and as a result blood poisoning set in. In those days there were no antibiotics and no painkillers, so oh, did I suffer. I spent two months in the hospital and just about lost my leg. I was fortunate and ended up with just a stiff leg.

The next winter I worked for my uncle, Bill Franko, on the same government plan. On Sunday it was Uncle's turn to bring the Priest to our church. It was so cold out that the thermometer mercury was in the ball. We had a good team of horses and they trotted all the way there and back. I sure wouldn't do that today.

In the spring my brother and I decided to go to Chatham, as our brother Mike was already there. We left Theodore on the freight on May 5. We made it to Yorkton and it snowed so we decided to go on further. The days and nights were very cold. On the way the railroad Police tried to stop the travelling for free, but in those days no one could afford to pay for such a long trip. We got to Sudbury in Northern Ontario and hopped off early, about a mile from town. We planned to get back on again on the other side of town. Lucky thing we did as 25 others had

been caught and were being held at gunpoint by the Police. The penalty for getting caught was one month's free work in the mines. We moved on and in Capreol again we hopped off early, planning to get back on at the other end of town. As planned along came the train but it was moving pretty fast. I caught on to the ladder but the speed of the train flipped me between the cars and then onto the tracks underneath. I remember pushing myself away from the wheels and recalling stories about others who had lost their legs or even their lives doing the same thing. As the train passed I felt my arms and legs and was thankful I was still in one piece. Finally we got to Chatham and it was really nice and hot. I remember buying a dozen oranges and walking back to my Uncle Drozduik's enjoying the feast.

I started working in a restaurant as a dishwasher and then eventually moved up to be a cook. While working as a cook the owner hired a waitress and surprisingly it was Ann Andrusak, the girl from the farm across the road back home. This is where we met and began our lasting relationship. We got married on November 16, 1943 and together we owned some restaurants, with Ann doing the waitressing and I the cooking. As a result of our first child, Ann became a housewife which kept me fat and her busy.

Our first child, Ronald Alexander, was born on March 14, 1946 and I tried to make him a violinist but no dice. He became a good ball player in the area but never did make it to the big leagues. He presently is in real estate in Chatham. He married Elaine McArthur, born May 3, 1943 in Hartford, Connecticut. She is a registered nurse and they have one daughter, Jennifer Kristin Ann, who was born in Chatham on September 15, 1981.

Our second child, Lawrence Wayne, was born exactly three years later on March 14, 1949. Good planning eh? He was also a good ball player, but, also the same verdict: no majors. He received a good education and is a tax auditor for Revenue Canada. He is married to Lorna Bragg who was born on May 9, 1952 in North Sydney, Nova Scotia. She is also a tax auditor for Revenue Canada. They have one daughter, Candice Michelle, who was born on June 18, 1980 in London, where they now reside.

Our third child, Maryann, was born our December 24, 1951 in Chatham. A lovely Christmas present. She received her education in Chatham, Hamilton and Toronto and became a Doctor of Chiropractic in Toronto.

Our fourth child, Gaylord Stephen George, was born December 15, 1956 and is presently a letter carrier. He married Margaret Ann Straddon, who was born on August 14, 1953 in Eagle, Ontario. She is a nurse and they have two children: Melanie Lisa, born

July 10, 1971 and Megan Harmony , born August 12, 1983. They are presently living at R.R. #2, Rodney.

As my children were growing up, I gradually purchased some rental properties and to this day they still keep me pretty busy. Our leisure time is spent at the horse races. I guess you could say our roots have always been with the farm.

Now that I'm semi-retired I've become a part-time comedian and here is a sample of my work:

Johnny, the teacher asked one of her pupils,
"Can you use the word Paradox in a sentence?"

"Sure" Johnny answered brightly. "On our farm
we have four chickens, six geese and a paradox."

Worker: I bet I can wheel something across the
street in this wheelbarrow that you can't wheel
back.

Boss: It's a bet.

Worker: Okay jump right in.

My family is my audience for my jokes and for some strange reason they keep telling me to take my act on the road.

My wife and I are presently in reasonably good health and are enjoying spending our childrens inheritance.



Matt 1944



Paul & Donna's Wedding 1985
L to R: Maureen, Gary, Teresa,
Donna, Paul, Matt, Noreen & Jim



At family cottage in the Kawarthas,
L to R: Teresa, Jim, Noreen, with Maureen on the
lap, Gary, Matt, Paul and Mary Eileen

MATTHEW STEPHEN FRANKO

Matthew Stephen Franko (Matt) was born on August 27, 1920 on the family homestead near the Whitesand River in the Theodore district. After attending school at Czernowitz and Theodore, Matt and his brother, Alex decided to visit Uncle John Drozduik in Chatham, Ont. to look for work. These were the Depression years and work was difficult to find. With Uncle John's help and generosity, Matt managed to find work during the evening hours and weekends and attended school during the day.

World War II was upon us, and he spent time in the Army, attached to the Royal Canadian Army Medical Corp. After the War he attended the University of Toronto, majoring in Business Administration. After graduation he was employed by the Globe and Mail Newspaper. At this time there was a housing construction boom in Toronto, so he worked for a Real Estate Broker, selling residential land and dwellings. Within a couple of years, he and a partner, opened their own Real Estate Office.

On October 9, 1954 Matt married Noreen Faragher of Toronto. Her parents were born in Ireland and came to Toronto at an early age with their families. Their first child, Teresa Marie, was born on December 3, 1955. On January 17, 1957 Mary Eileen was born. On February 12, 1958, Paul Joseph, arrived, followed by James Patrick on September 3, 1960, Gary Christopher on September 26, 1961 and Maureen Rita on June 5, 1966.

Teresa Marie graduated with a degree in Nursing in Toronto, and is now a Public Health Nurse in Scarborough, Ontario.

Mary Eileen attended University of Guelph for one year. Before starting her second year at Guelph, she passed away suddenly on August 26, 1976 at the age of 19. She was a happy, beautiful young lady and is still missed very much by the whole family.

Paul Joseph, graduated from University of Guelph with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Human Genetics and is presently a Product Manager with Ciba Pharmaceuticals. On August 4, 1985 he married Donna Christine Weaver.

James Patrick also graduated from University of Guelph with a Science degree and is now in his final year in Chiropractic College.

Gary Christopher graduated from University of Guelph with a degree in Business Economics and is currently an Assistant Manager at the National Bank in Welland, Ont.

Maureen Rita is in her second year of Social Sciences at McMaster University in Hamilton, Ont. Her ultimate goal is to do social work.

Noreen, Matt's wife, has been employed for thirteen years by the Peel Board of Education. She works as a Librarian Technician at one of the local high schools. Matt joined Schenley Canada Inc. in Public Relations and Sales Promotions in April 1957. He continued with Schenley's for nearly thirty years, until his recent retirement. For the time being, he is enjoying travelling, golfing, fishing, as well as setting up a marketing business.



Henry - doing his bit
for the country



The Henry Franko Children 1980



The Russels - Angie, Eva,
Henry, Tim, Patricia, Art



The Brights - Amber, Eva, Henry,
Howard, June, John



Gary, Liane, Christopher & Tammy with Grandparents



Joanne & John Eaton 1985



1985



Edward & Mary with Kristen & Lindsey

HENRY GREGORY FRANKO

I was born on January 30, 1923 at Theodore, Saskatchewan, Sec. 22-29-7, W2nd. I attended grade school at Chernovetz, and took grades 9 and 10 by correspondence. At age 16 1/2 I rode the freight (Rods) to Toronto looking for work. Upon arriving in Toronto, I stopped at a butcher shop to inquire directions to where my brother Mike was living. After giving me directions, the butcher asked if I was looking for work. Of course I said yes, and started work the very next day as a delivery boy on a bicycle. I worked for nine months as a delivery boy, then a friend who was working at a Toronto carpet factory got me a better paying job there, where I worked for one year. Then I joined brother Mike at the Canadian General Electric plant for a year. The work was casting and grinding moulds for search lights, most of which were shipped to England.

I joined the Royal Canadian Air Force on April 6, 1943. I spent three weeks at Manning depot, Toronto, and passed the aptitude test for pilot training, then transferred to Manning depot, Edmonton, for basic training. There was a backlog of over a year in pilot training, and we were continuously asked to transfer to train as Air Gunners, which were in short supply. Finally I agreed to transfer and was sent to Calgary and then to Pearce, Alberta (near Lethbridge) where I had my first plane flight in an Anson. I was sent to ground school at Trenton, Ontario, then to MacDonald, Manitoba for combined air and ground training. After one week leave I was posted to Halifax and sailed for England on the Mauritania on December 7, 1943. I arrived in Glasgow December 14th and spent Christmas in Bournemouth (the English Riviera) billeted in a resort hotel, two to a room, in deluxe units. After New Years I was posted to Evesham, where I stayed in a nissan hut with 36 single beds. There was one little stove in the middle to try and keep warm, since coal was in short supply. I trained on the Wellington twin engine bomber (Wimpy), then was posted to Yorkshire to join #6 bomber group. After more training I joined 420 Snowy Owl squadron stationed at Tholththorp, Yorkshire.

I completed 36 operation flights over enemy territory and consider myself exceptionally lucky to have survived, as we had several shaky trips. For example, on the trip to Stuttgart we lost one engine on the bombing run and could not keep up with rest of stream. Our pilot Earl Johnson decided to drop down to 3000 ft. to avoid fighter detection, but as luck would have it we flew right over a German fighter field where we saw a dozen or more fighter planes scrambling for take-off. We thought we had had it, but luckily they flew above us, making it hard to see us against the darkness of the landscape. We made it to the English Channel where we were alerted by the Engineer to be ready for ditching as the fuel guages registered near empty. The pilot decided to fly as far as possible toward England before

ditching, and lo and behold there were the White Cliffs of Dover. What a welcome sight! With the engine still running he decided to reach land as there was a fighter field just off the coast. We radioed and were told to get into the circuit, which our pilot disregarded and landed beside a runway. Just seconds after touchdown the motor died from lack of fuel. He was not very popular with airport controllers when they asked us where we were in the circuit and were told we were stuck in mud alongside their runway. But we were all well and all was forgiven. On completion of the operational tour I got ten days leave, then was posted back to Canada. In Canada I got 30 days leave before reporting back in Toronto, then Winnipeg and finally I was transferred to the Reserves and then back to Civilian life.

I got a job managing the Reliance Lumber Yard at Jedburgh. While working there, I applied for a half section of land at Spalding where I farmed for the next seven years, beginning in the spring of 1946. In October 1946 I married Eva Kozak of Kuroki, Sask., the daughter of Wasyl and Oksana Kozak. Daughter Patricia was born February 16, 1948. June was born July 2, 1949, and Gordon Charles June 17, 1950. In 1953 I sold the farm and bought a grocery store in Nipawin, which I operated for three years. On January 24, 1954 our second son, Garry, was born. Due to the low mark-up and high spoilage of fruit and vegetables in shipping I decided to sell the grocery stock and rent out the building. I returned to managing a lumber yard for Reliance at Blaine Lake in 1956. While there our third son, Edward Brian, was born August 3, 1956. There I was appointed Justice of the Peace for the province of Saskatchewan. I was approached by Senator Horner to run on the Conservative slate, which I declined, only to regret it later, as all Conservatives were elected. Reliance wanted me to move to Humboldt to manage their yard there, but they would not pay for the move and resettlement. That's when I decided to move back to Nipawin to take over Stein's Piano Sales and Service as he was going to retire that year and my store building was vacant. But he changed his mind, so I started a new and used furniture store, which we operated until 1966. In 1960, needing more room for expansion, we bought a building which was to be converted into a motel. On October 3, 1960 our daughter, Joanne, was born and on November 19, 1961, Jackie, was born. In 1963 we finished one wing of the motel, containing four one-bedroom units which we rented by the month. In 1964 we completed the other wing which consisted of ten sleeping rooms. That's how we got into the motel business which we operated in conjunction with the furniture store until 1966, when we sold the furniture store. On October 12, 1966 our youngest son, Greg, was born. We sold the motel in July 1973 and moved to Calgary where I took a real estate course. I worked for Canada Permanent until 1976, when I bought a hotel at Barons, Alberta which we renovated and operated until July 1980. Since then we have been semi-retired and now reside in Kelowna, B.C.

Patricia married Art Russel on April 18, 1968. They farm at White Fox, Sask., and have two children: Angela and Timothy, who are attending school.

June married John Bright on August 30, 1969 in Regina, where John is the manager of Sherwood Credit Union. June works part-time as an operating technician which was her occupation before marriage. They have two children: Leslie and Amber.

Gordon Charles married Gwen Lees of Nipawin on June 30, 1973. He is managing a fire protection firm in Calgary, while Gwen works as a dental technician. They have no children.

Garry Allen started work with Sask. Tel. He married Leanne Bobier of Moosomin, Sask. on June 29, 1975. They now live in Calgary where he works for Alberta Government Telephones in management. They have two children: Christopher and Tommy.

Edward Brian married Mary Ross on May 19, 1979 at Lethbridge. They now live in Calgary where Mary is a nurse and Ed works with plumbing contractors. They have two children: Kristen and Lindsey.

Joanne Marie married John Eaton on May 25, 1985 in Toronto, where John is attending Chiropractic College and Joanne is nursing. They have one daughter born July 27, 1986, Kelly Susanne.

Jackie Jeanette graduated from Commerce and Business. She is the manager of Market Research in Calgary.

Gregory Henry is attending Art College in Calgary.



Mary & Steve Waselowich -
earlier years



Morris & Sybil, and their
children: Tara & Todd



Steve in the Signal
Corp. - 4 years



Mel & Dom, and their
children: Kim & Kris

MARY (FRANKO) WASELOWICH

I was born June 24, 1925 in the Theodore district. I was the eighth of ten children born to Stephen and Pearl Franko. I received my education at Chernovitz School. Being the first girl after seven boys I was treated with kid gloves and spoiled rotten, and I loved it. However when I got to my teens I was obliged to carry my share of the workload. I enjoyed working, and still do, only now it is at a slower pace. I am proud of my parents as they did a good job with all of us, considering the circumstances under which they started their lives together.

I regret that I do not remember Grampa Franko, but I do have a few fond memories of Grandma Franko. One Christmas Eve my mother sent me to my Uncle Bill and Aunt Katie's house with supper for Grandma, as she lived in the summerhouse nearby. I can still remember being fascinated by her hair sitting high on her head under her shawl (karpa). While I was there, my cousin Doris came in with wheat (kutia) and dumplings (pyrohy). Grandma was very happy to see both of us and we had an enjoyable visit. I also remember Grandma's funeral. I remember her dressed in her Ukrainian clothes as she lay in state at Uncle Bill and Aunt Katie's. I also remember Aunt Pearl Kereluik asking me to come to the coffin and stand on one side while she was on the other. She handed me a quilt and asked me to help her lay it over Grandma's coffin. At the time I did not understand what this meant, but I did learn of its significance later. Valuables of the deceased were given to the family or friends in this matter. It was to be in memory of, or "za pomanu".

My oldest brother Nick and his wife Irene lived approximately one-half mile from Dad's and Mom's place. Nick owned the first car in the family (a model T Ford) and he came to visit Mom and Dad every morning, bringing with him the mail and any news of the day. Occasionally he offered us rides into town. Since Theodore was sixteen miles away and we did not get to go very often we eagerly accepted. On the way to town he would often stop and pick up any neighbours who wanted to go. By the time we reached town he would often have a full car. Once in town everyone went about their own business, knowing that they could get a ride home if they met Nick at a certain place and time. It was on one of these trips, as we were driving home feeling on top-of-the-world and enjoying one of our few car rides, that the car stopped and Nick could not get it started. He tried several times until he noticed that the gas guage read empty. There we were stranded, just past Wolf's Bridge, on the big hill leading home. With no alternative in sight we started walking up the steep hill with Nick in the lead. It was a very hot day and after a while Nick turned around to us and said "all you devils want to do is ride - but nobody puts gas in the car". I still get a chuckle now and then when I remember the expression on his face and the way he said it to us in Ukrainian.

One Christmas Eve I had memorized a poem which I was to recite at the school concert. The night came and I was sure that I knew the poem perfectly. In fact the teacher was so sure that I knew it that she did not bring a copy of it to the school that night. As I stepped on stage and started my poem everything went well at first. However, I made the mistake of looking around the room and was it packed! After seeing all these people I got scared and froze. My mind drew a blank and I just stood there unable to move or talk. Finally they closed the curtain and escorted me off the stage.

I'll never forget the first time I baked cookies. Mom and Dad had gone for the day to Yorkton with Uncle Bill and Aunt Katie. As soon as they left George and I decided to bake cookies. Everything went fine until it came to adding 1/4 teaspoon of salt. We were a bit confused by the fraction and together we agreed on adding four teaspoons of salt. The cookies turned out very well; however, needless to say, they were slightly salty. When my parents and Aunt Katie and Uncle Bill arrived home from the city they saw the cookies. My Aunt tried some and seemed to enjoy them. She turned to me and said they were very good, only next time be more careful with the salt. As you can see the old saying of "when the cat's away the mice will play" really had meaning for George and me.

On May 2, 1947 I married Steve Waselowich, son of John and Nellie Wasylowich. Steve was born on May 24, 1920 in the Theodore district. He received his education at Chernowitz School and served in the Canadian Army during the Second World War. In May of 1947 we moved to Churchbridge, Saskatchewan where we obtained a farm through the Department of Veteran's Affairs (V.L.A.). It was while we were at Churchbridge that our two sons were born: Morris on March 30, 1948 in Yorkton and Melvin on February 28, 1949 in Theodore.

After farming for four years and coming to the realization that we were getting nowhere, we decided to sell in the fall of 1951. We held a sale, sold everything, and with the proceeds we bought a car, in which we loaded the family and what belongings we could, and headed east. After approximately three weeks on the road with a two and three year old, we ended up in St.Catharines, Ontario. Things were not easy at first, but after several jobs and continuing his education at night school Steve received his certificate as an Electrician and together we settled in to make a good life for ourselves and our family in Ontario. Steve has since retired from the electrical trade in 1985 at the age of 65 and I'm still waiting. Ha! Ha!

Morris received his education in Ontario and is now working as a Maintenance Foreman at T.R.W. Canada in St. Catharines. On July 4, 1970 he married Sybil Mann, daughter of Mrs. Bertha Mann and the late Robert Mann of St. Catharines. Sybil is employed at

Thompson Products Credit Union as a secretary. They have two children: a daughter, Tara Leigh born on July 21, 1972, and a boy, Todd Stephen, born on December 17, 1974. Both children do well in school and sports. They reside at Fonthill, Ontario, a small town outside St. Catharines.

Melvin received his high school and university education in Ontario and is now working as a buyer for the Steel Company of Canada (Stelco). On July 28, 1973 he married Domenica Mauri, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donato Mauri of Welland, Ontario. Domenica was born in Italy and came to Welland, Ontario when she was six years old. She manages the office for an Air Conditioning Firm in Hamilton, Ontario, where they reside. They have two daughters: Kimberly Ann born July 18, 1975 and Kristine Marie born September 13, 1978. Both children also do well in school and outside interests.

As you can see Steve and I have been very fortunate over the years and have a lovely family and grandchildren to spoil as much as we can.



George, Adrian, Paula
Nora, Norrie
1984

GEORGE FRANKO

George was born on January 7, 1927 at the family homestead in Theodore, Saskatchewan. In 1947, he came to northern Ontario and worked in a lumber camp. After a short time he moved to Toronto where he worked as a lab technician at Yardleys. The job was enjoyable but did not pay well. In 1950 he moved to Sudbury and began work in his present trade, steamfitting. After establishing himself in the trade he moved to Hamilton and worked on numerous major industrial and commercial construction projects in southern Ontario and the United States.

On July 21, 1956 George married Nora H. Hurst, a school teacher, born in Manchester, England. They rented an apartment in Grimsby, a little town in the Niagara Peninsula, where they lived until they were expecting their first child. They bought a house in Grimsby and shortly after, on January 8, 1959, a daughter, Norrie was born. On October 7, 1960 Nora gave birth to twin sons: Adrian and Kevin. It was necessary for both boys to receive total blood transfusions. Kevin died shortly after on November 19, 1960. Gregory was born January 27, 1962 but tragedy struck again when Gregory contracted meningitis and died November 20, 1962. Paula, Nora and George's youngest child and the only one to inherit her mother's red hair, was born March 7, 1965.

Once the children were all in school, Nora returned to teaching. George continued his steamfitting trade. He became a foreman and later became responsible for running various construction projects.

When the children were younger, George and Nora combined two hobbies; square dancing and camping. The family spent vacations travelling and camping with other square dancers and their families. The family enjoyed the trips and will cherish the memories always. How many families can say they have been in all ten provinces and right across the States as well!

The children were encouraged to further their education. Norrie attended Brock University and completed her Honours Bachelor of Physical Education (B.Ph.Ed.) and her Bachelor of Education (B.Ed.). She is presently working towards her Masters of Education and teaches for the Lincoln County Separate Board. In her spare time she runs her own dance studio and teaches fitness classes.

Adrian attended McMaster University and completed a B.A. in Political Science and a Masters degree in Business Administration. He is working for the Ontario Ministry of Industry, Trade and Technology as an economist.

Paula is presently attending Brock University. She is in the third year psychology programme and works part-time at the

University library. Paula hopes to attend teacher's college next year.

The past few years have been very hectic around this Franko residence. In November of 1982 Norrie was crowned Miss Lincoln County 1983 and represented the county at numerous functions. One of the most memorable functions was being part of the Wintario draw held in Lincoln, August 1, 1983. Both Paula and Norrie were asked to perform dance routines at the event which was televised live in front of an audience of over 3,000 people. Later in the evening, Norrie was called on stage to help with the night's draw. George, who was in the audience, had his quota of weekly Wintario tickets plus a few extra for the occasion. It was an exciting evening for all involved. Having Norrie on stage did not help George win any money, but he did manage to win a free book of tickets.

In 1986, Paula followed in her sister's footsteps and was crowned Miss Lincoln County 1986. The highlight of her reign was competing in the Miss Canadian National Exhibition competition against 117 girls in Toronto. Paula's reign was over this year and things have slowed down in the household. George still buys lottery tickets with the hope that he'll win enough money to buy a plane. He also enjoys golfing on his days off. In the winter, the family can often be found cross-country skiing in the Niagara Region.

OUR FAMILY

Name	George Franko	January 7, 1927
Born	Theodore, Saskatchewan	
Occupation	Steamfitter Foreman	
Spouse	Nora H. (nee) Hurst	July 12, 1932
Married	St. Joseph's Church, Grimsby	July 21, 1956

Children

Name	Norrie A. Franko	January 8, 1959
Born	Grimsby, Ontario	
Occupation	Teacher	
Education	Honours B.Ph.Ed., B.Ed.	
	Adrian S. Franko	October 7, 1960
	Grimsby, Ontario	
	Economic Analyst	
	B.A., M.B.A.	
	Kevin Franko	October 7, 1960
	Grimsby, Ontario	
	deceased	November 20, 1960
	Gregory D. Franko	January 27, 1962
	Grimsby, Ontario	
	deceased	November 19, 1962
	Paula V. Franko	March 7, 1965
	Grimsby, Ontario	
	Student - Brock University	

KATHERINE (FRANKO) MELNYCHUK

Katherine is of Regina. They have three children: Dianne, Edie and Denis.

File No. 12 9 3783.

Department of the Interior.

OTTAWA, AUG 19 1907 100

Sir:—

I have to inform you that a patent for N. E. 1/4
of Section 22 in Township 29
Range 7 West of the 2nd Meridian,
bearing date the 1st
August, 1907 has issued in your name, and that
it has been forwarded to the Registrar of the Land Registration
District of ASSINIBOIA,
who will issue the certificate of title upon receipt of your application to
him therefor, and upon payment of the proper fees, if any.

For this purpose, please place yourself in communication
with that official, giving him your full name and your Post Office
address. His address is THE REGISTRAR,
Regina, Sask.

I am Sir,

Your obedient servant,

PERLEY G. KEYES,

Secretary.

Stefan Franko Esq.,
Theodore
Esq.

PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN }

To wit:

I, Stefan Franko do solemnly swear that the answers to the foregoing questions are true and correct in every particular. That I claim a Patent for this Homestead under the provisions of the "Dominion Lands Act."

That I obtained an entry, and claim a Patent for the same for my own benefit, and not in the interest or for the benefit of any other person or persons, whomsoever.

SO HELP ME GOD.

Sworn before me at YORKTON.

this 26 day of June 1907 having first been read over and explained to the said applicant.

Stefan Franko

H. E. M. Gallum
Agent of the Dominion Lands, or

HOMESTEAD INSPECTOR, YORKTON District.

I recommend the foregoing application for Patent, believing that the homestead requirements of the "Dominion Lands Act" have, in this case, been complied with.

Dated at YORKTON.

5th July 1907

Jas. C. Best
Local Agent for Dominion Lands for YORKTON District.
Ottawa, JUL 20 1907 19

Accepted as sufficient,

J. B. Campbell
Commissioner.

DATE OF CERTIFICATE OF PATENTIZATION 6-7-04
RECEIVED AND RETURNED TO HOMESTEADER.

JUL 31 1907
.....190.....R. G. P.

The Officer taking this application for patent is requested to exercise particular care that the name of the homesteader is given in full and correctly spelt.

Sworn Statement of

Steph Franko in support
of his application for Homestead Patent for NE
of Section 22 Twp. 29 Rge. 7 of 2 Meridian.

1. What is your name in full, age, occupation and Post Office address?

2. Are you a British subject by birth or naturalization? If naturalized, state when and where.

3. When did you obtain entry for this homestead?

4. When did you build your house thereon? And when did you begin actual residence thereon?

5. What portion of each year since that date have you resided thereon? State each month, or parts thereof.

6. When absent from your homestead where have you resided and what has been your occupation?

7. If you have lived on land owned by yourself in the vicinity, answer the following questions:—

(a.) Describe such land.

(b.) When did you become the owner of it?

(c.) How did you acquire it?

(d.) What buildings have you on it?

(e.) Do you own the said land at the present time?

(f.) What residence have you performed on it?

8. Of whom do your family consist, when did they first commence residence upon this homestead, and for what portion of each year since that date have they resided upon it?

9. How much breaking have you done upon your homestead in each year since you obtained entry, and how many acres have you cultivated each year?

10. How many harned cattle, horses, sheep and pigs, of which you are owner, have you kept on your homestead each year since date of perfecting entry? Give number in each year.

11. What is the size of your house on your homestead, of what material, and what is its present cash value?

12. What extent of fencing have you made on your homestead, and what is the present cash value thereof?

13. What other buildings have you erected on your homestead? What other improvements have you made thereon, and what is the cash value of the same?

14. Are there any indications of minerals or quarries on your homestead? If so, state nature of same, and whether the land is more valuable for agricultural than any other purpose.

15. Have you had any other homestead entry? If so, describe it and say what became of it?

16. Have you assignment, mortgage, or transfer, or agreed in mortgage, assignment or transfer your present homestead or any part thereof? If so, when and to whom?

Steph Franko - 27 yrs.

By Naturalization

April 24, 1903.

Spring of 1904. 15 mos. or

continuous.

Section Twp. Rge. M.

13
14/7/07

His Wife and self
resided on Homestead

Year	Acres	Broken	Plowed	Harrowed	Grass
Year 1904	4	3			
Year 1905	3	5			
Year 1906	9	8			
Year 1907	-	15			
Year 1908					
Year 1909					
Year 1910					

Have 11 head of cattle

Log house 14 X 20 - 5000

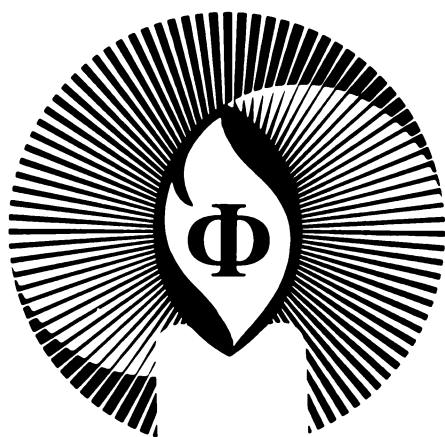
18 acres wire rail - 1000

Stable - 4000 (new)

no

mild farming

no



Clan III



John & Paraskevia Kereluk



Family unit L to R: Back row - Wasyl, John, Steve,
Paraskevia, Olga & Mary
Front row - Julian & Val



Back row L to R: Boris, Peter & Mary Woloschuk & Lesya
Dunsmoor

Front row L to R: Connie Woloschuk & James Dunsmoor - 1987



Back row L to R: Alexandra Woloschuk, Kevin Dunsmoor &
Quentin Woloschuk

Front row L to R: Nicholas Woloschuk & Jerin Dunsmoor-
1986



A family unit

Back row L to R: Glenn, Cheri, Wasyl & Lena, Lenika,
Mervin & Brendon

Front row L to R: Evangeline, Alexis, Kristopher &
Trevor

JOHN & PARASKEVIA (FRANKO) KERELUK

Paraskevia was born October 15, 1892, in Wasloviwtsi village, near Cherniwtsi, Province or Oblast of Bukovina, Western Ukraine, to Gregory and Zanchera Franko. She came to Canada with her parents and brothers Ilia, Steve, Nick and Wasyl in 1902. Her sister Victoria remained in the Ukraine. The parents settled on a homestead north of Theodore, Saskatchewan, and the family proceeded to develop the farm, as a unit, in a new country-Canada.

On December 25, 1908, Paraskevia was united in marriage to John (Iwan) Kereluk on Section 32-30-6, W2nd, south of Buchanan. A Rev. Basil Kolesnikoff of the Orthodox denomination from Canora was in charge. Witnesses were George Kereluk and Audrey Goubka (could be Hupka). John, the only child of Soloway and Aksana Kereluk, was born February 15, 1889 in Horoshiwtsi village, north of Cherniwtsi. He came to Canada with his parents in June, 1900, and they settled on a homestead south of Buchanan. An unfortunate accident claimed his father's life a short period after the family came to Canada. Soloway was buried in Mamornitz church cemetery. Aksana passed away in July 1937, and was buried in Drobot cemetery.

On February 24, 1906, John Kereluk purchased his own homestead for \$10, close to his parents farm, the SW 30-30-6-, W2nd. The young couple continued with the farming operations there for the next twelve years.

In 1920, the family, now with three children, moved to a half-section farm, the W 1/2 of Sec. 15-29-8, W2nd, just east of Insinger. The early pioneering life on the parkland prairies in the twenties, and especially in the depression years of the thirties, was very difficult. Raising a large family and making a living meant hard work for the parents, morning until night.

In true pioneering spirit, mother Paraskevia always planted a very large garden, where she toiled in the heat of summer, in order to provide stores for the winter. Yes, in the cellar there were bags of beans, lentils, peas, corn, potatoes, beets and carrots, barrels of dills and sauerkraut, as well as dozens of jars of vegetables and preserves. Late fall was butchering time and there were always a few small crocks of larded bacon put away for the winter. Butter and cheese were stored in crocks and covered with cheese cloth and sealed with wax. Hanging from the rafters were bunches of dry herbs such as dill, garlic and onions, as well as bags of dry mushrooms. Dad kept bees, so at the end of the autumn season, the bees, having filled a few gallons of honey, would be put away for the winter.

Late fall meant a trip to a flour mill with some wheat to be traded for flour, bran and farina. Salt, sugar, tea and coffee

rounded-off the family food needs. With a large family growing up, it was always very important to have at least one or two cows milking the year-round.

Berry picking always provided a family activity, generally involving everyone. Strawberries, saskatoons, raspberries, pincherries and chokecherries generally provided most of the fruit. Mother often spent two or three weeks in the summer just putting up jams and preserves. The family recalls Mother's very delicious "pincherry soup" everytime there was a good crop. Violet and Valenteen remember one summer when they had more than their share of raspberry picking. It was the time mother canned over 100 quarts of this delicious fruit.

Mother did not need any cookbook - she could put together one of the best pots of soup or borscht by just going out into her garden for some vegetables. She enjoyed baking. During Christmas, Easter and many other festive days, she spent much time preparing many extra dishes for the table. In fact on many occasions, after exhausting herself on advance preparations, she would suffer a severe migraine. Mother was generally involved with baking for the Ladies Aid and many dozens of doughnuts came out of her pan for the town hall gatherings.

Weaving was very much a part of mother's pioneering life in her teens and she learned the art extremely well. At about 18 she had completed a beautiful "skortsa", which to this date is in excellent condition. She sought perfection in what she did and this was best expressed in her embroidery which she carried on even after her eyesight had failed. Summer did not provide time for needledwork, but when winter came, she turned to her embroidery basket, completing many small items as well as two large tablecloths.

Both were strong supporters of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church. John also served as trustee on the Insinger School Board and helped in the construction of the village hall.

John and Paraskevia Kereluk raised a family of seven children.

MARY WOLOSCHUK

The eldest daughter, Mary, was born August 25, 1910, on the homestead, south of Buchanan. On completion of public school in Insinger, high school and teacher's training in Saskatoon, she taught in Insinger, Ponass Lake, Ukraina and Wroxton schools. She was married to Peter G. Woloschuk on October 10, 1942. They took up residence in Wroxton where Peter was engaged as secretary-treasurer of the R.M. of Calder No. 241 and Mary continued teaching. Peter was born December 4, 1914, on the homestead, north of Stornoway. He is the son of Nykolay who was born June 13, 1886, in Ternopol Province (Oblast), Western Ukraine, and Wasylene (nee Wintonyk) who was born January 24, 1881, in Horodenka (Ivano-Franivsk Oblast). Both came to Canada in 1905 and were married February 1, 1908. Peter and Mary moved to Thorhild, Alberta in 1955, where Peter was engaged as secretary-treasurer of Thorhild County. No. 7, a position held by him until his retirement in 1976. Mary taught in the County schools until her retirement in 1974. They moved to Edmonton in 1977 and in 1984, moved to Ottawa, where they now reside. They have two children.

Boris was born April 21, 1945, in Yorkton. On completion of high school in Thorhild, he attended universities in Edmonton and Ottawa. He married Constance Hill on May 1, 1971. Her parents are Forrest and Kay Hill of Winchester, Ontario. They have three children: Quentin, Nicholas and Alexandra. The family resides in Ottawa.

Lesya was born June 12, 1947 in Yorkton. On completion of her high school in Thorhild she attended Edmonton and Ottawa universities. She was married to Janes Dunsmoor on July 22, 1967. He is a son of Warren and Jessie Dunsmoor of Surrey, B.C. They have two children: Kevin and Jerin. The family resides on an acreage near Ottawa.

WASYL KERELUK

Wasył (Bill) was born July 26, 1911, also on the homestead, south of Buchanan. Following completion of school in Insinger, he assisted his parents with farming until 1937. He married Lena (Wasylena) Moldowan at Drobot church on August 8, 1937. Lena was born March 21, 1917, daughter of Elia Moldowan who was born July 13, 1894, and Aksania (nee Petruschak) who was born July 13, 1896. Both came from Bukovina Province (Oblast) in Western Ukraine. They were married in June, 1916.

On December 15, 1937, Bill and Lena bought a store in Insinger from B. Glass and the couple started a general store business. Both were very active in the Insinger community and as members of the Ukrainian Orthodox church contributed much time and labor in the construction of a new church in town. Bill served as village councillor and mayor, school trustee, and member of the Jubilee Nursing Home in Foam Lake. Wherever help was needed, they were there to lend a hand and even obliged the residents in acting as their banker. On April 15, 1978, Bill and Lena sold their store after forty years in business. They now reside in Yorkton and continue being active members of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church and Auditorium. Bill served as President of Yorkton New Horizons Senior Citizens for a term and is their treasurer for 1985. They have three children.

Evangeline was born in Yorkton on February 16, 1938. On completion of public school in Insinger and high school in Foam Lake, she continued her studies, graduating as a nurse. She is employed with the Vancouver General Hospital, and has a son, Brendon.

Mervin was born in Yorkton on May 6, 1944. He completed public school in Insinger, high school in Foam Lake and university in Winnipeg. He is married to Lenika Ryter from Holland, and has one son, Trevor. As of 1985, he is employed as manager of the sales staff for Musgrove Ford Agency in Vancouver.

Glenn was born in Yorkton on December 21, 1953. On completion of public school in Insinger and high school in Foam Lake, he studied law at the university in Vancouver. As of 1985, he is continuing his practice as barrister and solicitor with the firm of Griffiths and Company in that city. He married Cheri Kopperson on December 19, 1981. She is the daughter of Ralph G. Kopperson and Iolanthe. They have two children: Kristopher and Alexis. The family resides in Surrey, B.C.

STEVE KERELUK

Steve was born in 1919, on the homestead south of Buchanan. Upon completion of school in Insinger, he assisted his parents on the farm. During the building of the Alaska highway by the American armed services in the Second World War, Steve decided to join the construction personnel. Mother Paraskevia was definitely against his going there and the morning when Steve was preparing to leave for Alaska, she cried her heart out. She seemed to have had a sad premonition as to Steve's future and as he drove out of the farmyard, mother simply said, "I will never see him again.". Steve met his premature demise in February, 1943, in a plane crash in Alaska. It was not located until some years later. He is buried in the Insinger Ukrainian Orthodox church cemetery.

Mother grieved for years after the plane crash, until illness overtook her. Quite remarkably, gradually, she recovered to take up again many of her former interests in her later years, such as embroidery, cooking, preserving and a good-sized garden.

OLGA KERELUK

Olga was born December 25, 1920. After completing her schooling, she was in a hairdressing business for a period. Since 1944 she has resided in Toronto. During the past fifteen years she has been employed by the Canadian Guild of Crafts, an organization involved in the sale of Canadian crafts - pottery, weaving Eskimo art, glass, wood carving, jewellery, etc. She will retire at the end of 1985. Reading is one of her favourite pastimes.

JULIAN KERELUK

Julian (Nicholas) was born May 16, 1927. On completion of public school at Insinger he assisted on the family farm, finally taking over upon retirement of his parents. He married Ethel (Natalie) Haluk in July, 1951. She was born June 26, 1928, daughter of Jacob Haluk and Mary (nee Sabulski). They had four children.

Brian was born July 19, 1951 in Yorkton. Unfortunate circumstances dealt a sad blow to this family much too early in their lives. Brian was killed in a tractor accident on September 13, 1968. Julian was killed in an auto accident on February 22, 1969. Ethel passed away April 13, 1970. The three remaining children were taken care of by Ethel's parents.

Patricia was born on May 19, 1955 in Yorkton. Following completion of her schooling in Foam Lake she married Ken Prosser, a rancher and bus contractor at Loon Lake. He was born March 11, 1937, son of Elroyal and Eleanore Prosser. They have one child, Trina, born in Meadow Lake on January 25, 1976.

Dennis was born on June 27, 1954 in Theodore. After graduating from Foam Lake school, he married Susan Kaban at Foam Lake. She was born September 26, 1961, daughter of William and Margaret Kaban. They have one child, Melissa, born June 23, 1981 in Saskatoon, where the family now resides and where Dennis is employed as a carpenter.

Cynthia was born February 10, 1959 in Theodore. On completion of her school in Foam Lake, she was married to Stanley Kaban, a farmer. He was born June 22, 1954 in Sarnia, Ontario, son of William and Margaret Kaban. They have three children. Jennifer was born May 21, 1979, Christopher was born February 21, 1981 and Justin was born November 28, 1984, all in Yorkton.

VALENTEEN KERELUK

Valenteen was born August 31, 1926. Following completion of her schooling in Insinger and Yorkton she moved to Toronto in 1946. She has worked in the mining industry over the past 25 years. At present, as Administrative Assistant, she is employed with Kidd Creek Mines, a subsidiary company of Canada Development Corporation. Through part-time studies, Valenteen received a B.A. degree from the University of Toronto in 1968 (Slavic Studies) and a M.A. degree in 1980, in Political Science (International Relations).

VIOLET KERELUK

Violet was born February 25, 1930. Following her schooling in Saskatchewan, she moved east and has been living in Toronto since the early 1950's. She is employed by the Ontario Government as a secretary. Violet's keen interest lies in art and over the years she has taken numerous courses with the Ontario College of Arts. She has also studied painting with a number of private art schools.

Following Julian and Ethel taking over the family farm, the parents retired to their own home in Insinger. Father John Kereluk passed away in Yorkton on August 15, 1976, at 87 years of age. Mother Paraskevia passed away May 25, 1981, also in Yorkton, at 89 years of age. Both are buried in the Ukrainian Orthodox Church cemetery adjacent to Insinger.

File No. 810 814

Department of the Interior.

OTTAWA,

Oct 15 1910 191

Sir:—

I have to inform you that a patent for Slu 14
of Section 30 in Township 30
Range 6 West of the 2nd Meridian,
bearing date the 20th September, 1910
has issued in your name, and that
it has been forwarded to the Registrar of the Land Registration
District of YUKON.
who will issue the certificate of title upon receipt of your application
to him therefor, and upon payment of the proper fees, if any.

For this purpose please place yourself in communication with
that official, giving him your full name and your Post Office address.

His address is

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

PERLEY G. KEYES,

Secretary.

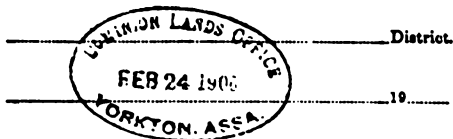
Ivan Kerelick Esq.
Buchanan,
Sask.

No. 21109

APPLICATION FOR A HOMESTEAD ENTRY.

I, Ivan Kereliuk
 of Theodore do hereby apply
 for a Homestead Entry, under sub-clause _____ of clause _____ of "The
 Dominion Lands Act," for the S. T. Quarter-Section of Section Number 30
 of the 30 Township in the 6 Range West
 of the Second Meridian.

Ivan Kereliuk
 mark



NOTE.—The statistical information called for below must be obtained and filled in by Agent when granting entry.

NUMBER IN FAMILY, INCLUDING ENTRANT, GIVING THEIR AGES.				COUNTRY OF BIRTH.	SUBDIVISION OF COUNTRY OF BIRTH.	LAST PLACE OF RESIDENCE.	PREVIOUS OCCUPATION.
Male Adult.	Female Adult.	Children under 16.	Total.				
<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>Austria</u>	<u>Bucovina</u>	<u>Theodore</u>	<u>farmer</u>
						<u>Solo</u>	

Saskatchewan Archives Information:

Ivan Kereliuk resided with his stepfather on NW 32-30-6, W2nd from February 1906 to November 1908. It was the homestead of George Solowij or Solowe.

Sworn Statement

Swain Herschultz in support

of his application for Homestead Patent for South West
of Sec. 30 Twp. 30 Rge. 6 N. of 2 Meridian.

1. What is your name in full, age, occupation and Post Office address?

Swain Herschultz, age 22
Farmer, P.O. Nubia
No. Applying to date
February 24, 1906
Nov 1907 Nov 1908

2. Are you a British subject at the present time? If naturalized, state date of naturalization and the place where it was obtained.

3. When did you obtain entry for this homestead?

4. Where did you build your house thereon? And when did you begin actual residence thereon?

5. What portion of each year since that date have you resided thereon? State each month or parts thereof.

Resided on his usually with my
father on the 32-30-6 from date of entry to
Oct 31, 1908 since the confirmation of same

6. When absent from your homestead where have you resided and what has been your occupation?

As above farming

7. If you have lived on land owned by yourself in the vicinity, answer the following questions:—

- (a) Describe each land.
- (b) When did you become the owner of it?
- (c) How did you acquire it?
- (d) What buildings have you on it?
- (e) Do you own the said land at the present time?
- (f) What residence have you performed on it? State each month or parts thereof.
- (g) If residence has been performed with parents in vicinity describe land and give each month or parts thereof of residence.

Section _____ To _____ Res. _____
NO SEED GRANT INCUMBRANCE
20/5/10
16/7/10

8. Of whom do your family consist; when did they first commence residence upon this homestead, and for what portion of each year since that date have they resided upon it?

Wife only with me
on homestead

9. How much breaking have you done upon your homestead in each year since you obtained entry, and how many acres have you cultivated each year?

Year 1906	9	acres cropped	12
Year 1907	6		12
Year 1908	13		15
Year 1909	5		20
Year 1910			
Year 1911			
Year 1912			

10. How many head of cattle, horses and sheep, if any you are owner, have you had on your homestead each year since date of perfecting entry? Give number in each year.

1906 6 cattle 12 sheep
1907 9
1908 5 cows
1909 17 x 22 60m value \$40
1910 17 x 22 60m value \$40
1911 17 x 22 60m value \$40

11. What is the size of your house on your homestead, of what material, and what is its present cash value?

12. What extent of fencing have you made on your homestead, and what is the present cash value thereof?

13. What other buildings have you erected on your homestead? What other improvements have you made thereon, and what is the cash value of the same?

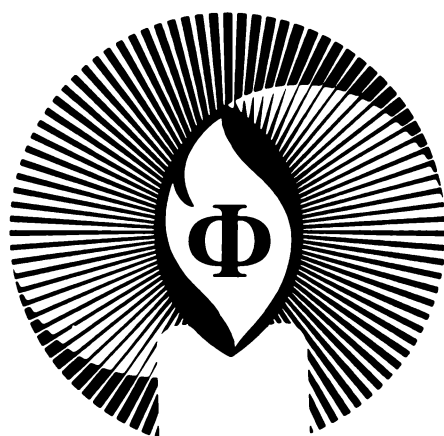
14. Are there any indications of minerals or quarries on your homestead? If so, state nature of same, and whether the land is more valuable for agricultural than any other purpose.

15. Have you had any other homestead entry? If so, describe it and say what became of it?

16. Have you mortgages, assigned or transferred, or agreed in mortgage, assign or transfer your present homestead or any part thereof? If so, when and to whom?

Wife only with me
on homestead

I purchase homestead to use of 1910



Clan IV



Nicolai & Dora Franko
Taken upon retirement



4 generations - Nicolai, Nicholas,
Rodney & Tyler Franko



Nicholas' family 1984 - Front row L to R: Terry, Nicholas
holding Lindsay, Blanche holding Krista, Tyler in front and Grant
Back row L to R: Cathy, Rodney, Sharlayne (Rodney's wife)
Lianna (Grant's wife)



Eileen Franko 1984



Violet's family 1983, taken at Grant & Lianna's wedding
L to R: Sean, Wally, Violet & Gina Kilbach

NICOLAI GREGORY FRANKO

Nicolai Gregory Franko, the second youngest son of Gregory and Zanchera Franko, was born on April 16, 1898 in Bukovina, Ukraine. He came to Canada with his parents at the age of two. His boyhood was spent on the farm near the Whitesand River where his folks homesteaded. He attended the Whitesand River School where he achieved a grade 3 standing. Nicolai courted and married Dora Bilan, oldest daughter of Nick and Mary Bilan of Buchanan. After their wedding on October 19, 1919, they settled on a quarter section which they rented south of the Whitesand River. A son, Peter, was born at Theodore on June 23, 1926. He died March 1929 from sugar diabetes and is buried next to his grandparents at Moleben, Riverside Church. Another son, Nicholas was born at Insinger on July 23, 1931.

Early in 1934 Nicolai and Dora rented and later purchased a homestead, a quarter section of land in the Westasta Valley district, east of Spalding at NW 24-38-17, W2nd. It was here that their two daughters were born: Violet on December 11, 1935 and Eileen Wilma on December 24, 1942. Farming was backbreaking work and the days were very long. Progress was eventually made when Nicolai purchased his first tractor to pull the heavy machinery to till the land. Later more conveniences appeared such as the Model T and a cream separator.

Nicolai and Dora retired from the farm in 1958 and sold the land to their son Nicholas. They bought a small bungalow in Spalding where they spent the next twenty-five years. In 1982 Dora took very ill and Nicolai could no longer look after her at home. She spent four years at Parkland Hospital in Melfort and is now a resident at Quill Plains Lodge in Watson. Nicolai joined her at the Lodge two years ago when his health started failing.

NICHOLAS FRANKO

Nicholas, the oldest member of the Nicolai and Dora Franko family attended the rural school called Westasta Valley. After high school he went to Ontario to work but the farm lured him back. During the 1940's and 1950's the rural school was the centre of many local functions such as box socials, dances and card parties. It was on one of these occasions that Nicholas met Blanche Winnifred Evans, the local school teacher. Blanche, the youngest daughter of William and Belle Evans of Hagen, Sask., now both deceased, was born on November 24, 1937. Blanche and Nicholas were united in marriage at the Luthern Church in Hagen, Sask. on July 21, 1957. After renting a small house by the school for a year, the young couple moved to the family farm which Nicholas purchased from his father, Nicolai. In order to make farming a paying proposition, Nicholas rented more land from his uncle which he later purchased. In 1967 they built a new home. Their four children were born at the Spalding General Hospital.

Terry Nicholas, born on March 9, 1959, took his schooling at Westasta Valley then was bused to Spalding where he finished his grade 12. Terry is farming with his Dad and has purchased his own half-section near Quill Lake.

Rodney Alan, second son of Blanche and Nicholas, was born on April 29, 1960. Farming was not Rodney's forte so he has chosen plumbing as his vocation. On April 5, 1980 he married Sharlayne Lois Van Den Bossche, daughter of Lorraine and Morris Van Den Bossche of Quill Lake, Sask. Sharlayne was born on June 30, 1961 in Quill Lake, Sask. Rodney and Sharlayne now reside at 738 Weldon Ave., Saskatoon, Sask. They have three children: Tyler Mackenzie, born August 8, 1980 in Calgary, Alberta; Lindsey Raeanne, born November 20, 1981 in Saskatoon, Sask. and Krista Mauran, born June 7, 1984 also in Saskatoon.

Grant Leslie, third son of Nicholas and Blanche was born on July 26, 1963. He's also a farmer at heart and owns his own quarter section which he farms with help from his folks. He also works as a sales clerk and tireman with the Spalding Co-op. On July 23, 1983, Grant married Lianna Mary Ann Badiuk, daughter of Eugene and Muriel Badiuk. Lianna works part-time as a practical nurse at Quill Plains Lodge in Watson. On September 15, 1986 a son, Tanner Grant, was born. They live on brother Terry's farm near Quill Lake.

Cathy Joy, the only daughter of Blanche and Nicholas Franko was born on December 29, 1966. After graduating from Quill Lake High School, she proceeded to take a year at the Saskatoon Business College. On July 7, 1986, she married Kevin Lyn Holt,

son of Bonnie and Roy Holt of Quill Lake. They now reside near Kindersley, Sask. where Cathy works at the Credit Union and Kevin is a partsman at the Tisdale Ford Garage.

VIOLET FRANKO KILBACH

Violet, daughter of Nicolai and Dora Franko, was born at the family home on NW 24-38-17, W2nd. She took her public school at Westasta Valley. The last two years were taken at the Spalding High School from which she graduated in 1953. After completing a year at Teachers College in Saskatoon she taught at LeRoy for three years, then proceeded to the University of Saskatoon. From university she went to Nipawin where she taught for five years, later moved to Yorkton. She enjoyed many trips during her teaching career visiting such places as the Seattle World's Fair in 1961, Europe in 1963 and Western United States to the Grand Canyon.

On July 9, 1966 Violet married Walter Gerald Kilbach in the Spalding United Church. Walter is the second youngest son of Valentine and Margaret Kilbach of Biggar, Sask. He was born on April 22, 1933 in Miniota, Manitoba. Valentine was a section foreman for the C.N.R. so as a young boy, Walter moved to many different towns across Saskatchewan. He received his grade 12 diploma at Springwater, then proceeded to Ontario to find work. He spent five years with R.C.A.F. where he received Radio Communications Training. In 1965 he went to work for C.A.E. Industries in Winnipeg. Walter and Violet spent two years in Winnipeg then were transferred to Victoria. It was here that son, Sean Gerald Kilbach was born on September 17, 1969.

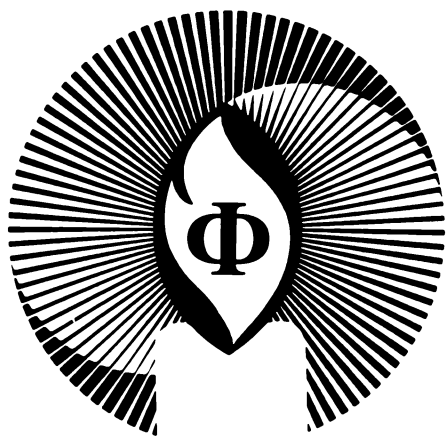
In April of 1970 Walter got a job with B.C. Telephones in the calibration department in Nanaimo. A daughter, Gina Eileen, was adopted into the family. She was born on May 21, 1972. After the children were both in school, Violet went to work part-time as a salesperson in Sears Ladies Fashions.

Sean will graduate from high school in 1987. He will go to Malaspina College for one year, then transfer to the University of Victoria to pursue his career in Computer Science. He's a great fan of Huey Lewis and Tom Collins, enjoys reading science fictions and loves skiing.

Gina enjoys her "soaps", jazz lessons and cooking. At present her future endeavours are undecided.

EILEEN WILMA FRANKO

Eileen Wilma Franko, youngest daughter of Nicolai and Dora Franko, was born on December 24, 1942 and was raised in the Westasta Valley district. In 1961 she graduated from the Spalding High School and went to work at the Weyburn Hospital. In 1962 she started employment with Saskatchewan Government Telephones where she worked as a telephone operator in Weyburn and Yorkton. In 1966 Eileen moved to Alberta and commenced employment with Alberta Government Telephones in Edmonton. Here she worked in various departments and presently is supervising a section in the accounting area.



Clan V



Wasyl Franko

WASYL GREGORY FRANKO

Wasyl, the youngest son of Gregory and Zanchera Franko, was born on March 4, 1900, in the village of Wasylowtsi, near the city of Chernivtsi in the province of Bukovyna in Ukraine. It was in this same year that his parents decided to emigrate to Canada where two of their older sons, Elash and Stefan, had been living for over one year. With not much more than the hope of creating a better life for themselves and for their children, Wasyl's parents ventured to take him, his five year old sister, Paraskevia and his three year old brother, Nykola on the long and arduous trip to Canada.

It took courage, stamina, and a strong constitution to survive the long voyage across the Atlantic in the unsanitary conditions to which they were relegated in the lower decks of a cargo ship. It required determination to deal with immigration officials in a language that was foreign to them. It was a test of their endurance to undertake the long and tiring train trip across the empty spaces of half a country. And it was disheartening, to say the least, to arrive at last in a primitive frontier settlement with the strange-sounding name of Yorkton, North West Territories.

Wasyl, who was just an infant at this time, could not remember the hardships that his parents lived through during their long journey and during those first hard years in Canada. However, it was not long before he had to work hard alongside the older members of the family as they cleared the land and tried to establish a new home. Thus, even after Poplar Leaf School was built, Wasyl could attend school for only a few years and then he had to begin farming at a very young age.

In 1919, after the death of his father, Wasyl acquired the original homestead and he farmed it until his retirement in 1966. An additional half-section was purchased at Watson in 1945 and it was farmed from Theodore until 1958 when it was taken over by John, the oldest son.

On June 21, 1921, Wasyl married Katie Pidhorney, and over the next thirteen years they had a family of four daughters and three sons. From a relatively young age, all the children were assigned various household duties and farm chores. They learned to assume responsibility by beginning with such easy tasks as feeding the cats and dogs, progressed to herding the cattle to and from pasture, and gradually took on more difficult and complicated duties. In a mixed farming operation on relatively poor land, it was essential that everyone in the family worked hard to ensure its success.

It is fair to say that Wasyl was a highly progressive farmer who pioneered many aspects of modern farming in the Theodore

district. He was among the first farmer to have a car, a steam engine, gasoline tractor, threshing machine, truck, rubber-tired tractor, combine, grain loaders, and other farm machinery and equipment. During Wasyl's farming career, much of his time was spent helping his neighbors as he was able to repair all kinds of farming equipment in the blacksmith shop that he had built for himself on his farm. Much time was spent during the long winter months in repairing cars, tractors, and farm machinery.

In keeping with his highly-developed work ethic, Wasyl broke land for other farmers for over twenty-five years and threshed for them with his own threshing outfit for more than thirty-five years. It was in the early 1930's that Wasyl realized that there was a demand for larger and more modern threshing equipment. In a venturesome spirit he mortgaged his land, purchased a second threshing outfit and went into custom threshing in a big way. Unfortunately, the depression that began in 1932 created severe financial hardships and it was not until 1943 that the mortgage could be paid off. In the intervening years, selling sufficient grain after the harvest to pay the interest on the mortgage became the first priority in order to eliminate the possibility of losing the land. It was only when the title to the land was assured that additional grain was sold to purchase adequate clothing for the family for the winter.

During World War II, it was not possible to purchase new cars, trucks, tractors or other farm equipment. At that time Wasyl purchased and repaired a 1937 2-ton Ford truck and did a lot of custom trucking in the district hauling cord wood, lumber, grain and cattle. Although there was a good demand for grain, there was a quota system to enable all farmers to deliver equal amounts of grain to the elevator. As soon as the quota opened, the rush was on to deliver as much grain as possible. By getting up at 5 A.M. and working until 10 P.M., it was possible in the summer to haul 1,200 bushels of wheat in a day even though the grain had to be shovelled by hand.

Since Wasyl was one of the first farmers in the district to own reliable cars, namely, a Model T, a Model A Ford and, later, a 1939 Ford, he frequently was asked to drive sick neighbours to the hospital in Yorkton at all hours of the day or night. In most cases these people had little money and therefore they would offer to work back the costs that had been incurred. Wasyl's cars were also much in demand for social outings. Although the Model A Ford was a small vehicle, people were less concerned with comfort then and, even with all seven children in the car, room was often made for an additional one or two persons.

In addition to his farming responsibilities, Wasyl took a keen interest in the community and for over thirty years he served as a trustee and/or chairman of the school board of the Poplar Leaf School District. The board was responsible for

maintaining the school and the schoolhouse and for selecting and hiring the teachers.

At the request of the farmers from his district, Wasyl served two terms as a councillor in the R.M. of Insinger. The obligations of the councillors included attending monthly municipal meetings and upgrading and maintaining the roadways of the township. In addition, councillors gained valuable experience by attending the annual meetings of the Saskatchewan Rural Municipal Association.

As a man who consistently acted in accordance with his highly-held principles, Wasyl was proud of the fact that he was a founding member of the Theodore Co-op and, up to the very day of his retirement, he purchased all his farm petroleum exclusively from this Co-op. Similarly, as an active and longtime member of the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool, he sold all his grain to the Wheat Pool elevator. It was his belief that, in addition to being owned and operated by the shareholders, co-operative enterprises played an important role in establishing fair market prices for farm goods and services.

For many years, Wasyl was an active member of the CCF (later the NDP) and he was pleased when the CCF came to power in 1944 under the leadership of T.C. Douglas. Although in those days many of the farmers had little formal education, they nevertheless took a most active interest in provincial and federal elections. They regularly attended rallies where political parties presented their platforms, and then they spent hours debating the issues of the day with relatives, friends, and neighbours. Even though the exchanges became quite heated at times, they rarely led to any serious altercations or to a change in one's political affiliations.

In addition to his broader community activities, Wasyl was committed to maintaining in Canada the spiritual and cultural values that he had inherited from his parents. After the construction, in 1919, of the St. John the Baptist Ukrainian Orthodox Church a few miles north of Theodore (commonly known as the "Church by the River"), he was an active member of it for more than sixty years, and he continued to support it even after he retired to Yorkton. He served as president of the congregation for many years and was instrumental in the building of the Church Hall.

Over the years, the church was a focal point in the life of the community. It was a pleasure to go to church and to meet neighbours and friends who often travelled considerable distances to join in the celebrations of the parish, especially those held on July 7, the feast day of the patron saint, St. John the Baptist.

Frequently, Wasyl had to drive to nearby towns to bring the priest to the church. If the roads were passable for travel by car, this meant driving to Sheho. In the winter, however, it was common to pick up the priest by team in Theodore on one afternoon, have him spend the night in one's home, and then take him back to town the next day after the service. As a rule, the children in the home shied away from the priest because they thought of him as being someone very much like a saint and therefore quite unapproachable.

Despite the difficult circumstances of farm life in those earlier times, Wasyl frequently found time in the evenings and on Sundays to read the Ukrainian Voice, the Free Press, and the Western Producer. After he purchased a new and rather expensive cabinet model radio in 1939, the 9:00 evening news was listened to faithfully by the entire family, particularly during the war years.

After many years of hard work on the farm and after much persuasion on the part of their children, Wasyl and Katie built a house in Yorkton and retired in 1967. Although Wasyl had certainly earned the right to sit back and rest, it was not in his nature to do so, and, for a number of years after he retired, he kept himself and his little Ford tractor busy by plowing gardens, levelling yards, and doing a variety of odd jobs for his friends in Yorkton.

Immediately after moving to Yorkton, Wasyl became an active member of the Holy Transfiguration Ukrainian Orthodox Parish. He also became a member of the Ukrainian Self-Reliance League, a laymen's organization of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church in Canada.

After his retirement, Wasyl had more time to enjoy life and he spent many happy hours visiting his children, relatives, and many friends and neighbours. In 1970, he had the great pleasure of travelling to Ukraine, the land of his birth. During his stay there, he had the wonderful experience of meeting numerous relatives and of actually seeing the house in which his parents had lived and in which he had been born.

In honor of Wasyl's and Katie's 50th Wedding Anniversary, their sons and daughters arranged for a Moleben, a special church service of thanksgiving, which was followed by a banquet and dance at Coronation Hall in Yorkton on June 26, 1971. Similar festivities to celebrate their 60th Wedding Anniversary were organized on July 11, 1981, at the Ukrainian Orthodox Church and Auditorium in Yorkton. On both occasions, many relatives, friends, and neighbours joined the immediate family to rejoice in the well-deserved happiness of Wasyl and Katie and to show their respect and their appreciation for the couple's many tangible accomplishments as well as for their unfailing and valued friendship throughout the years.

On January 11, 1982, Wasył died suddenly at his home. His unexpected death plunged the whole family into grief, but the memory of his exemplary and fruitful life in the service of others remains both as a challenge and as an everlasting legacy to his children, his grandchildren, and to all who were fortunate enough to have known him.



Katie Franko

CATHERINA (KATIE) FRANKO (PIDHORNEY)

Catherina (Katie) Franko, the eldest daughter of Maria and George Pidhorney, was born on December 18, 1904, in rural Buchanan. She attended Waslowitz School for three years while the family lived near Buchanan. After her family moved to a farm near Chernowitz School, she continued her schooling for only one more year.

At the tender age of 16, Katie married Wasyl Franko in 1921 and for forty-five years they farmed in the Theodore district on the homestead of Gregory and Zanchera Franko. Katie and Wasyl were blessed with four daughters: Mary, Doris, Vicki and Rose; three sons: John, Nick and Stefan; nine grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

For many years, Katie took a very active part in the activities of the St. John the Baptist Ukrainian Orthodox Church by the Whitesand River. Facilities were not what they are nowadays and, for festive occasions, food had to be cooked at home and then transported to the church by horse and buggy. This was no easy task with three or four little ones hanging on to mother's skirts!

Taking care of a large family in the 1920's and 1930's was most difficult at times. In addition to being a mother, one had to be a nurse. It was very common to have two or three children sick in bed at the same time with colds, stomach aches, the flu, or a communicable disease like the measles or the mumps. This meant that after working at her chores in the yard and in the house from early morning until late in the evening, Katie often would have to stay up most of the night to look after her sick children. Because modern medical attention was not available, these illnesses often lasted for several weeks.

At that time there were no medical health services in nearby Theodore, and Katie had to rely on her own resources in deciding how best to attend to the more minor illnesses. Fortunately, when two of their children became extremely sick, it was possible to get them in time to a hospital in Yorkton where they underwent surgery. Wasyl paid for the hospital bills by grading the roads for the municipality.

After the harvest season, there was the annual fall shopping trip to Yorkton to buy what was needed to clothe the children for the winter. As long as the footwear and clothing were adequately warm, no one was fussy about a perfect fit or a specific colour. After buying the necessary yard goods, Katie spent many long hours during the winter months sewing dresses for the girls and shirts for the boys. As a result of her efforts, when the children went back to school on March 1 after two months of winter holidays, everyone was well outfitted.

Although times were difficult, there was no need to go hungry if one was willing to work hard. The livestock and poultry that Katie tended as part of their mixed farming operation meant that her children always had enough to eat. It was not an easy task to look after all the cows, pigs and chickens day in and day out, but Katie undertook these tasks willingly in order to ensure that her family was well fed. In addition, she often sold surplus cream and eggs to help out with the family budget.

It was an established tradition on the farm that the garden had to be very large so that in the event of drought, hail, or some other disaster, there would still be enough vegetables for the entire year. It was customary for the children to stay away from school for at least one day in the spring to help plant the garden under Katie's supervision. The children also helped with the weeding, the harvesting and preserving of the vegetables, and the picking of various wild berries. However, it was Katie's responsibility to make sure that all of this work resulted in at least one 45-gallon barrel of pickled cucumbers, another one of sauerkraut, and a well-stocked cellar with row upon row of canned vegetables, fruits, jams and meat.

As the children left home one by one to attend high school, Katie never said, "Perhaps you should stay home and give us a hand.". She believed in education and helped her children attain their goals. During the long period of 14 years when there were always at least two children attending the high school in either Theodore or Yorkton, Katie made sure that she passed them enough food and clean clothing on a regular basis. She also used her hard-earned money from selling cream and eggs to provide them with school supplies and some spending money.

In the fall of 1966, Katie and her husband retired from farming and moved to Yorkton. It took a little while to adjust to living in the city, but they enjoyed their nice new home and all the modern conveniences that had not been available on the farm. In their hearts, however, they missed their old homestead where they had spent so many years of their life and they often drove out to visit it.

Upon their arrival in Yorkton, Katie and Wasyl immediately involved themselves in the life of the Ukrainian community in that city. They became members of the Holy Transfiguration Ukrainian Orthodox Church and Katie joined the Olena Pchilka Branch of the Ukrainian Women's Association. Although Katie moved to the city at an age when most people think of retiring, the thought of sitting back and doing nothing never even crossed her mind. She rolled up her sleeves and spent many hours helping the ladies with banquets and bake sales. Even at her present age, Katie attends church very regularly both on Sundays and Feast Days and she enjoys her outings to the Church Hall for

various meetings and concerts.

January 11, 1982, was, no doubt, the saddest day of Katie's life. This was the day that Wasyl suddenly passed away. His death left a void that no one else will ever be able to fill. Despite her deep sense of loss, Katie managed to keep busy and carry on with her life.

Now, at the age of 82, Katie still lives in her own home and grows a big garden. She says she likes the warmth of the sun on her back as she does the weeding. Crocheting remains one of her favourite hobbies and she takes delight in giving away the many lovely items that she makes. Her wonderful spirit of generosity is also very much in evidence in the bountiful "Care" food packages that everyone receives before leaving her home.

Katie is a very independent and self-sufficient woman and she much prefers to help others than to accept assistance from anyone. However, her children, all of whom now live in Saskatchewan, are happy to be able to visit her on a regular basis and to help out with those few tasks that she is unable to take care of herself. She is, perhaps, one of Sask. Tel's best customers, because she believes in keeping in touch with her children and grandchildren and she phones them regularly.

P.S.: To you, Mom, from the bottom of our hearts - Thank You!



William & Mary Shumey

MARY (FRANKO) SHUMEY

I have the honour of being the eldest child of Wasyl and Katie Franko. I was born on August 30, 1922, in rural Theodore, on the original homestead of my grandparents, Gregory and Zanchera Franko.

Because it was almost three miles from our farm to Poplar Leaf School (a long walk for a first grader!), I was not enrolled in school until I was eight years old. I took all my schooling at Poplar Leaf, including grades 9 and 10 which I completed by correspondence. In September, 1939, just a few days before my Baba died, I enrolled in grade 11 at Theodore High School. It was a rather different experience as my former classmates were no longer there; not many students could afford the tuition and the cost of school texts in the 30's. My father and mother were very supportive in this respect and I was glad to be able to continue my studies.

After completing grade 12, I attended Normal School in Regina in 1942. At that time there was a great shortage of teachers since many of them had enlisted in the Armed Forces and were serving in the Second World War. My first teaching position was at Dobronowitz School in the Drobot district. In that school there were 22 pupils ranging from grades 1 to 9 and most of them were very well-behaved and most helpful. How well I remember that first visit of the Superintendent of Schools! The following year I taught in Black Poplar School in the Good Spirit Lake area. It was quite isolated here as it was many miles to town and there was only a small post office in the nearby rural store.

In 1944 I moved to Veregin and held a position with the Pretty View School in a rural area. This was a somewhat different experience because there were students in this school of several nationalities: Russian, Scottish, Irish, and a few Ukrainians. My last year as a teacher in Saskatchewan was in 1945 at the Gravel Hill School, four miles south of Buchanan. The hard, depressed times were becoming a thing of the past and the school board found it easier to purchase the classroom supplies that had been so badly lacking over the years.

In the spring of 1946, I was taken seriously ill and because of this I was unable to return to the teaching profession for several months. In the fall of 1947, my husband gained employment with Cominco Trail and we moved to British Columbia. We made our home there for 32 years. Our family always looked forward with a great deal of pleasure to our vacation trips to Saskatchewan. Indeed, these trips were regarded as the highlight of the year!

In Trail I was a member of the East Trail United Church and I taught in the primary department of the Sunday School.

In 1979 my husband and I moved to Regina where we presently reside. My hobbies are reading, sewing, needlework, ceramics, and shopping at the Cornwall Centre.

It's nice to be home again!

William (Bill Shumey)

Bill, the son of Jack and Anna Shumey, was born on February 20, 1920, in rural Buchanan. He attended North Lake School and later farmed in the Drobot district. He married Mary Franko in 1943.

In 1947, Bill moved to Trail in British Columbia where he was employed for 32 years with Cominco, one of the largest lead and zinc smelting plants in the world.

While in Trail, Bill was a member of the East Trail United Church. He was an assistant Boy Scout Leader for several years and he attended St. John's Ambulance classes.

Upon taking early retirement in the fall of 1979, Bill and his wife Mary, moved to Regina. For the past four years Bill has worked for the Regina Inn.

Bill likes fishing, curling, and gardening. He also makes certain that the birds on Yarnton Crescent are well fed in the winter!

Bill and Mary have two sons: David Donald and Randall Wayne, and a grandson, Dustin Troy.



Donald

David Donald (Don) is the older son of William and Mary Shumey. He was born on December 21, 1943, in Canora,

Saskatchewan. When he was four years of age, he moved with his parents to Trail, B.C.

In 1949 he was enrolled in the Trail Elementary School and later he attended the J. Lloyd Crowe High School in Trail and Martin Collegiate in Regina. In his youth, Don was a member of the Fifth Trail Cub and Scout Association for a few years and he very much enjoyed the many camping trips and the outdoors in general. Don also attended Sunday School classes at the East Trail United Church and he was a member of the Youth Group.

For a period of time, Don was employed with Cominco in Trail and with the Saskatchewan Power Corporation. Then, for several years, he was involved in hotel and motel management in B.C., Sask., and the United States. Presently, he is engaged in car sales in Dallas, Texas, where he now resides.

Don is married to Sandra Nixon. In his spare time, he does oil painting and woodwork. He also frequently goes fishing.



Randall

Randall Wayne (Randy), the younger son of William and Mary Shumey, was born in Trail, B.C. on February 4, 1956.

Randy attended the Trail Elementary School and the J. Lloyd Crowe High School which he completed with Honours standing. Upon his graduation in 1974, Randy received scholarships from Bell and Howell and from Cominco, Limited. He also won an award from the Government of France for proficiency in French. From 1975 to 1979, Randy was enrolled at the University of Calgary in the Faculty of Commerce and Business Administration.

During the years that he was receiving his education, Randy worked during the summer months for the B.C. Telephone Company and West Coast Petroleum, Limited. In 1979 he gained employment with Petro-Canada in Calgary as Junior Landsman and later he was transferred to Edmonton as Sales Trainee in the Marketing Division. In 1982, Randy was promoted to the position of Territory Manager in Vancouver and later in Victoria. Since 1985, Randy has been employed with Crestview Chrysler Dodge in Regina as a Sales Representative.

In his youth, Randy was keenly interested in Scouting and had the privilege of attending the Boy Scout Jamboree in Idaho, U.S.A. He also served as Scout Leader in Trail, Cranbrook, and Calgary. At one point, early on in life, Randy took an interest in sky-diving, no doubt his Mom and Dad, after seeing the many mishaps associated with this sport, were very much relieved when he gave it up!

Some of Randy's hobbies are electronics, photography and weightlifting.

He is still single.



John Franko

JOHN FRANKO

I am the oldest son of Wasyl and Katie Franko. I was born on December 11, 1924, and I grew up on my parents' farm near Theodore, Sask.

I attended Poplar Leaf School which was about three miles from our farm. Our daily walk to and from school across the Whitesand River was quite enjoyable in the summertime as we took a daily plunge in the river after school in addition to the one that we took during the lunch hour. However, all this swimming did not make much of a swimmer out of me. During my school years I enjoyed playing ball but I never did make the ball team.

Although I have always enjoyed listening to country music, music was one of my worst subjects in school. However, I did enjoy geography and since my school days I have done a lot of travelling.

After eight years of school, I decided to give it up and help my Dad farm our half section of land. At the time farming was still done with teams of horses. In 1944 we purchased our very first tractor - a small John Deere B tractor. In addition to growing grain, we had about 30 head of cattle, several horses, pigs and chickens to look after.

In 1945 my father purchased an additional half section of land northeast of Watson. We farmed both locations together until 1958 when I took over the Watson farms and made them my home.

In 1957 I was seasonally employed during the winter by Graham Construction in Estevan. While working there I had an accident in which I broke my leg and it took me some time to recuperate. Later, I worked for two winters in Toronto, and then in Saskatoon where I worked for three winter seasons in gas stations and for two winters with Cairns Construction.

I have always enjoyed building and woodworking and while I was on the farm I acquired a number of skills related to carpentry and painting which I later put to good use in maintaining and improving buildings. After I decided to purchase a paint sprayer, I always found a lot of extra work to do in the summertime. Since knowing how to repair farm machinery is a must on the farm, I completed welding courses in Saskatoon and a course in small air-cooled engines in Regina.

I have been a member of the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool in Watson since 1958, the Watson and Spalding Co-ops since 1960, the Ukrainian Orthodox Church in Wimmer, and All Saints Ukrainian Orthodox Church in Saskatoon since 1980.

My first trips out of the country were to Mexico in 1978 and to Hawaii in 1979. These were followed by a trip to Ukraine in 1980 to visit my relatives there. It was on a bus trip to Arizona and California that I met Stella Parchewski from Saskatoon. Stella and I were married in July, 1982, at All Saints Ukrainian Orthodox Church in Saskatoon. We travelled to the Atlantic Provinces for our honeymoon.

In the future I hope to carry on with my farming and to pursue my favorite school subject - geography - but only from a tourist's point of view!



From L to R: Debbie Nix (daughter Ashley on lap),
Stuart Nix, Doris Rohachuk, Don Larson, Judy Larson

DORIS ROHACHUK (FRANKO)

I was born to Wasyl and Katie Franko on June 28, 1926, on their farm in rural Theodore. Because of ill health, I didn't begin going to school until the spring of 1934, when I was eight years old.

I attended Poplar Leaf School for ten years because I took grades 9 and 10 there by correspondence. I completed my grades 11 and 12 at Theodore High School, and then I took a year of commercial studies at Yorkton Collegiate Institute.

After spending the summer of 1947 on the farm, I went to Saskatoon in September to look for a job. A few months later, I moved to Regina where I obtained employment first of all with a wholesale company and then later with the Saskatchewan Health Department.

I married Walter Rohachuk in August, 1949. After working with the Health Department for more than ten years, I quit in 1959 in order to raise a family of two girls. After ten years as a housewife, I rejoined the work force on a part-time basis with the Saskatchewan Motor License Department. Since 1977 I have been employed with Saskatchewan Government Insurance.

I am a member of St. Athanasius Ukrainian Catholic Church, the Ukrainian Catholic Women's League, and the Ukrainian National Association (Insurance Branch). I have been involved in committee work in all of these organizations. I also enjoy participating in the church choir. In addition, I am a member of the Saskatchewan Government Insurance Office and Professional Employees' Union.

My hobbies are baking, crocheting, bowling, and gardening. I also enjoy reading books about Ukrainian pioneers.

"Baba Franko"

I still remember Baba Franko because she lived in a small house in the yard of the homestead where my parents lived.

The event that I would like to relate at this time, happened on September 10, 1939, a sunny Sunday afternoon. My parents, and my younger sisters and brothers had gone to visit relatives who lived several miles away. My sister Mary, my brother John, and I had remained at home by choice, I think. We were told to take some food to Baba's later on in the day. Since I was the youngest, I was sent to Baba's house to take her some soup and to see what she was doing.

When I walked into the house, I saw poor Baba lying on the

floor against the bed. I thought she had fallen down and was sleeping. I ran back to tell Mary and John to go and take a look at Baba. We were in a state of shock when we discovered that our Baba was dead. John quickly went on horseback to tell my parents and the other relatives about what had happened. This sad event lives on in my memory and I think of it every year on September 10.

Deborah Joanne (Rohachuk) Nix - Debbie was born on November 13, 1959. She attended St. Thomas Elementary School and Miller High School from which she graduated in 1977.

Debbie began her data-entry training in 1975 when she was still in high school and in 1977 she found employment with the Co-operators (formerly Co-operative Insurance Services). In 1978 Debbie was enrolled for two semesters in Arts courses at the University of Regina. The following year she returned to the Co-operators as Assistant Supervisor in the data-entry section.

Debbie and Stuart David Nix were married in Regina in August, 1979. Stuart is the son of David and Ena Nix who are of English and Scottish ancestry. Debbie and Stuart's daughter, Ashley Dawn, was born on December 31, 1984 at the Regina General Hospital. After the birth of their daughter, Debbie quit her job to be a full-time mother. In addition, she babysits four other children.

Debbie's hobbies are embroidery, crocheting and reading.

Judy Marie (Rohachuk) Larson - Judy was born on September 15, 1961. She attended St. Thomas Elementary School and Miller High School.

After graduating from high school in 1979, Judy was employed as a Data-Entry Operator with the Attorney General's Department. Since October, 1979, she has been employed with the Medical Care Insurance Commission.

Judy and Donald Steve Larson were married in Regina in July, 1984. Don is the son of Chris and Leslie Larson who are of Norwegian and Scottish ancestry.

Judy enjoys sports like softball, bowling, bike riding and curling. Her numerous leisure time activities include Ukrainian Easter egg decorating, crocheting, knitting, cake decorating, flower arranging, and mocassin making. She is also interested in photography.



Nick Franko



Jennie (Dubyk) Franko

NICK FRANKO

I am the fourth oldest of the seven children in the family of Wasyl and Katie Franko. I was born on March 4, 1928, on their farm near Theodore, Sask.

I took my elementary schooling in Poplar Leaf School and I began my secondary education there by taking grades 9 and 10 by correspondence. I completed my grades 11 and 12 at the high school in Theodore.

Poplar Leaf School was a one-room country school that was located on open pasture land in a remote, isolated area not far from the Whitesand River. The enrollment at the school varied from 22 to 26 and the attendance depended on the time of year and on the number of students who were taking high school correspondence courses. The school was closed during the months of January and February due to severe winter weather conditions. Even so, there were still days when it was so cold and/or stormy that our father would have to give us a ride at least part way to or from school.

In September, 1947, I commenced working at the Saskatchewan Training School, in Weyburn. After receiving my training, I graduated as a Psychiatric Nurse in May, 1950. On July 19, 1951, I married Jennie Dubyk in St. John's Ukrainian Catholic Church in Alticane, Sask. Our children: David and Joanne, were born in 1958 and 1963.

In the 1950's, the Saskatchewan Training School, an institution for mentally and physically handicapped residents, was housed in temporary facilities that had been used as airport buildings during World War II. In 1955 a new facility, the Valley View Centre, was built in Moose Jaw and my wife and I were transferred there.

Up to 1968 my employment positions were at the supervisory level. This involved working three different shifts. During this time I was an active member of the local union. From 1960 to 1968 I held executive positions with the Canadian Union of Public Employees.

In July, 1968, I was promoted to an out-of-scope position at the management level. During this employment period I held various positions and retired as Assistant Administrative Nurse IV. In order to stay abreast of the most recent developments in my field, I took numerous supervisory and management courses throughout my term of employment.

During the management period of my employment, I was selected to serve on various committees at Valley View Centre: Staffing Review, Levels of Care Review, Occupational Health and

Safety, Search and Rescue (Chairman), Fire Committee (Chairman for six months).

During my years of employment as a Psychiatric Nurse, it was my duty and my responsibility to work for the continuous improvement of institutional programs for the care of mentally, physically, and emotionally handicapped persons. I was active, therefore, in the Moose Jaw Branch of the Saskatchewan Psychiatric Nurses Association, serving as an executive member for ten years and as a representative to the Saskatchewan Psychiatric Council from 1960-1962.

Beginning with the fall of 1960, I worked for eight years with the Moose Jaw Branch of the Boy Scouts of Canada. For a period of four years from the fall of 1971, I was an active member of the No. 40 Air Cadet Squadron in Moose Jaw. Working with these two youth organizations involved spending many hours on bottle drives and participating in various other fund-raising activities.

Under the provisions of the Early Retirement Program of the Saskatchewan Government and Public Service Commission, I was able to retire, after thirty-six years of employment, on April 30, 1984.

Since 1956, I have been an active member of the Ukrainian Catholic Parish of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Moose Jaw.

My hobbies and interests include carpentry, bowling, golfing, reading, volunteer work, gardening and yard care maintenance programs.

JENNIE (DUBYK) FRANKO

I was born on September 17, 1930, at Mayfair, Sask. My parents were Ksenka (nee Hrabowa) and Wasyl Dubyk. My father came to Canada in March, 1926, and my mother came in April, 1929, from the village of Perespa, in the province of Sokal in Ukraine. They were married in Hafford in December, 1929. I am the oldest of six children.

My parents settled on a quarter of C.P.R. land on which they worked until the mid-1940's. Times were hard when we were growing up; we were never hungry or cold, but neither did we have any money to spend. My father was very active in church and community affairs. We attended St. John's Ukrainian Catholic Church in Alticane of which my father was one of the founding members and a longtime cantor. Many winter evenings were spent with father teaching us to read, write, and sing in Ukrainian.

Many times during these sessions we would persuade him to tell yet another story about his homeland and his family. My mother worked hard at sewing, spinning wool, or knitting during these sessions.

We lived in a mixed community: German, French, Polish and Ukrainian. I can vividly recall my first day at Bluebird School. I cried all day because I could not speak English. As I gradually learned the language, I would tell my mother what I had learned and she, in turn, learned from me.

I took my grades 9 and 10 by correspondence, my grade 11 at Mayfair High School, and my grade 12 at the Convent of Child Jesus in North Battleford. As a young child I did not enjoy any outside work. I liked to read and sew, and therefore I ended up being the housekeeper at home. While growing up I used to envy the neighbours' girls who had fancy (i.e. store-bought) clothes and white shoes and who could go dancing. Dancing was forbidden for us unless we were with our parents at a church bazaar, social, or wedding. I vowed that someday I would have white shoes and stockings as well - not knowing then that they would be related to my future career.

I began work at the Weyburn Training School as a Psychiatric Aide in November, 1948 - much to the disappointment of my parents, who wanted me to be a teacher. I graduated as a Psychiatric Nurse in 1952.

Over the past 30 years, I have been employed in various areas at Valley View in Moose Jaw, namely as: Cottage Supervisor, Instructor of the Mentally Retarded in Domestic Services, Rehabilitation Counsellor, and presently as Clinic and Central Supply Room Nurse.

In the 1960's, I was active with the Canadian Consumers Association of Canada, mainly with price comparisons and consumer complaints. As our children were growing up, I belonged to the Women's Auxillary of the Boy Scouts, Girl Guides, Air Cadets, and Lions Junior Band. For many years I was a member of the Prosvita Society and its choir. I have been a member of the Ukrainian Catholic Women's League since its inception in Moose Jaw in 1956, and I have served in executive capacities from 1966 to the present. I also served on the executive of the Home and School Association and I am a member of the Registered Psychiatric Nurses of Saskatchewan and a Union Member of CUPE.

My interests are many and varied. I enjoy reading, especially historical and human interest books. I knit, crochet, do petit point, sew, paint Ukrainian Easter eggs, and do Ukrainian embroidery. I enjoy concerts, music, dancing and drama.



David Franko

David Nicholi Franko - I was born in Moose Jaw on December 30, 1958, and I am the older child of Nick and Jennie Franko.

I received my primary education at St. Mary's School and my secondary education at Vanier High School in Moose Jaw. I continued my education at the Royal Roads Military College in Victoria for two years and then transferred to the Royal Military College in Kingston, Ontario. I graduated with a degree in Civil Engineering in 1980. During my years at the Military College, I spent my summer months doing my Military Officer's training at the following Canadian Forces bases: Camp Borden in Borden, Ontario; Gaagetown in New Brunswick; and Wainwright in Alberta.

Following graduation from Military College I was commissioned as a Lieutenant with the Princess Patricia Canadian Light Infantry which was based in Winnipeg. During this time, I spent six months with the NATO Peace Keeping Force in Cyprus. In 1984, I was transferred to the Canadian Forces Base in Calgary. In July, 1985, I received my release from the Canadian Forces. After this, I was employed by several smaller firms to do Market Research. I have also been continuing my studies at the University of Calgary.

As I was growing up I served as an altar boy at the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Ukrainian Catholic Church in Moose Jaw for eleven years. I also belonged to the Zirka Ukrainian Dancers and studied accordion for a number of years. In addition, I took Ukrainian classes at our church and later completed my grade 12 Ukrainian at the Total Immersion Ukrainian

High School Summer School Program at the Mohyla Institute in Saskatoon.

In high school I belonged to the Drama Club, the Camera Club, and the Student Action Committee. I was a member of the "Reach for the Top" team in our school and I represented Vanier High School as a member of the mini United Nations session held in Winnipeg in the spring of 1975.

In both elementary school and in high school I was actively engaged in sports. For ten years I was involved in the Boy Scout Movement, from Cubs to Venturers. I enjoyed all the activities, especially the outdoor camping. I also belonged to the Air Cadets League of Canada where I earned the rank of Flight Sergeant and was awarded a scholarship to get my Private Pilot's license.

During the past few years I have been strongly involved in marathon running. As a member of the Alpine Club of Calgary, I participated in the Ironman Triathlon In Hawaii.



Joanne Franko

Joanne Marie Franko - I was born in Moose Jaw, Sask. on February 2, 1963, and I am the younger child of Nick and Jennie Franko.

I received my elementary education at St. Mary's School and my secondary education at Vanier High School in Moose Jaw. After completing high school, I enrolled as a student at the University of Saskatchewan in Saskatoon. At first I majored in Biochemistry

in the College of Arts and Science but later I transferred to the College of Home Economics where I selected Dietetics as my major. I convoked in the spring of 1985 with a B.S.H.Ec. degree and in September I began my one year Dietetic Internship at the Royal Alexander Hospital in Edmonton.

While attending university, I had a variety of jobs during the summer months. I spent two summers working at Valley View Centre where I was on the nursing staff and in food services. I worked for C.S.P. Foods in Saskatoon where I was involved in Laboratory Food Testing and Research, and I have served as an Assistant to the Dietitian at the Regina General Hospital and at City Hospital in Saskatoon.

Throughout my years in elementary school and high school I was involved with music. I first studied the accordion, then I learned to play the flute, and later I began to play the bandura. I was a member of the Zirka Ukrainian Dancers for ten years and of the Moose Jaw Lions Junior Band for four years. In high school, I was a member of the choir, the Drama Club, the Year Book Committee, and the Student Action group.

When I was younger, summers were spent at Pike Lake Ukrainian Summer Camp and later I attended the Ukrainian High School Total Immersion Summer School Program at Mohyla Institute in Saskatoon.

In the spring of 1982 I was chosen as a participant of the Exchange Program between the University of Saskatchewan and the University of Chernivsti in Ukraine. The program consisted of classes in Ukrainian language, Ukrainian literature, tours to various museums and important sites, and a one week stay in Kiev. One of the highlights of the trip was the opportunity to visit with relatives.

While attending university in Saskatoon, I was involved in the Obnova Club and the Ukrainian Students' Club. I was also an active member of my College's Student Society.

I enjoy reading, doing Ukrainian embroidery, needlepoint, playing and listening to music, and sports.



Al & Vicki Wolf

VICKI (FRANKO) WOLF

I was born to Wasyl and Katie Franko on May 27, 1929, on their farm near Theodore, Sask. My childhood days were spent on the farm along with my three brothers and three sisters. Being one of the middle-born offspring, I learned to take a lot of rough and tough play and a lot of hard work, so I was considered somewhat of a tomboy. I mastered the art of climbing trees, driving tractors, hammering nails everywhere and so on. In my father's blacksmith shop, I enjoyed things that were mechanical and often things would be taken apart and not put together again.

In my preschool days, my older brothers and I always managed to get into a lot of mischief, like smoking in the barn, cooking green chokecherries in open fires because we thought it would ripen them faster, sliding down strawpiles, and losing our shoes.

Even before I started school I had developed an aversion to it and my mother had quite a time convincing me that school was good for me and that it was a must. After the first year I decided that it wasn't so bad after all, as by now I had met my schoolmates. The kids in Poplar Leaf School, the school that I attended for ten years, were either relatives, neighbours or kids on the other side of the Whitesand River. We all grew up together like one big family, taking many lumps and bruises along the way. Teachers came and went, but we stayed on to complete our elementary and part of our secondary education. The daily walks of three miles to school and then three miles back, with rides only in adverse weather, certainly wasn't any hardship on any of us.

The Whitesand River that we crossed daily was a real treat on the hot summer days. A quick plunge during the lunch hour and another on the way home from school left us feeling refreshed as the undies which we swam in took a while to dry and this kept us nice and cool. The riverbanks and the low-lying lands provided us with varieties of mushrooms during the early spring, summer, and on into the late fall. The hills and valleys, which were our hiding places and havens while playing cops and robbers, also were laden with Saskatoon berries, chokecherries, cranberries, raspberries, and wild strawberries.

Upon completion of my grade 8 and two years of correspondence, I attended Theodore High School for one year and Yorkton Collegiate for another year. After twelve years I still hadn't developed any great love for school, so in the fall of 1948 I ventured out into the world. Regina was my destination. Several days after my arrival, I was employed for a short time by Simpson's Mail Order Department before I obtained full time employment at the Public Information Library at the Legislative Buildings. This was followed by a two year stint at the

Department of Mineral Resources in the Oil and Natural Gas Leasing Branch.

In October 1952, I left the government and was hired by Parks and Recreation Department of the City of Regina as an advanced Adult Craft Instructor specializing in crafts such as leather tooling and carving, coppertooling, aluminum etching, and other crafts that were popular at that time. These were taught to adults in the fall and winter programs and to children in the summer programs at various playgrounds throughout the city.

On May 23, 1953, Al and I were married in Regina at the Knox Metropolitan United Church. Al was born and raised on a farm near Broadview, Sask. His parents emigrated to Canada from Austria at a very young age. They were married in Winnipeg and then moved to Broadview to homestead and raise a family of six girls and three boys. Upon completion of high school Al was immediately hired by the Saskatchewan Telephone Company, first as an Apprentice Switchman, then as Technical Assistant, and later as a Supervisor of Switching. Since becoming a Section Manager in Personnel Services (Benefits) Al acts as consultant to managers regarding Personnel Benefits, Long Term Disability, Superannuation Plans and Group Insurance, and Pre-retirement Programs.

In the early years of our marriage, Al and I took up carpentry and we managed to build four houses and to remodel a couple of older homes. We moved about twelve times in the first ten years. Our daughter, Sherry, arrived on May 12, 1958, so I gave up carpentry as well as my job to take on full time homemaking duties. It was at this time that I became involved in the community. The Lakeview United Church became a focal point in my life and I joined the Women's Organization, served on the executive and participated in unit work.

After becoming a leader of the Canadian Girl Guides, I conducted weekly meetings, did badge testing, and accompanied about forty girls on weekend as well as on weeklong camping trips, which can be quite an experience! Red Cross sewing rooms were always in need of our help.

Both Al and I have been members of the Regina Ostomy Chapter for about twenty years. In fact, Al was one of the founding members of this much needed chapter in our city. Serving as a member of the Board of Directors for the Rosemont Art Gallery was a very fulfilling experience for me. I also serve on the Board for the Mutchmore Seniors' Residence and I belong to the Museum of Natural History and the Regina Stitchery Guild.

New interests have developed over the years. I have taken several courses at the Community College and some sponsored by the University of Regina. I enjoy oil painting, china painting,

water colours, leather crafts, pottery, off loom weaving, wheat weaving, hardanger embroidery, and sewing. For the past few years I have been active in craft sales at the Yorkton Sunflower Annual Craft Sale and in spring and fall sales at shopping malls in Moose Jaw and Regina.

Over the years my husband and I have travelled across Canada, approximately two-thirds of the United States including Hawaii, Norway, Sweden, Denmark, England, Wales, Scotland, Holland, Germany, Italy, Switzerland, France, Austria, and Belgium. In addition, I have travelled to Mexico, Trinidad, and Tobago. We are hoping to do more travelling when my husband retires.



Sherry and Ian

Sherry Valerie Wolf - Sherry, the daughter of Al and Vicki Wolf, was born on May 12, 1958, in Regina, Sask. During her elementary school years, Sherry attended McLeod school from kindergarten to grade 5 and Argyle School from grades 6 to 8.

For her high school education, Sherry enrolled in Sheldon Williams Collegiate in Regina. At this school she was awarded class pins for academic excellence for the years 1973-76. In addition, she received a Meritorious Award for special services to the school. She was also an executive member of the Students' Representative Council.

After completing high school, Sherry decided to continue her studies at the University of Regina and she enrolled in an Administrative Program with a major in Personnel and Industrial Relations. She graduated with a Bachelor of Administration in 1982.

Sherry began her working career in August, 1977, with the position of Sales Administrator in the Ladies' Wear Department of the T. Eaton Company store in Regina. In March, 1979, she was transferred by this company to their store in Moose Jaw where she assumed the position of Floor Manager. In December of that year, Sherry became a Realtor for Klasssen Real Estate Limited and Century 21 Cameo in Regina.

In January, 1982, Sherry became an Administrative Assistant, Executive Development, at Saskatchewan Government Insurance. From May, 1983 to October of that year, she served as a Personnel Officer for the Research and Training Department and from November, 1983 to October, 1985, she was a Supervisor in the Recruitment and Selection Department. As of October, 1985, Sherry has assumed the position of Supervisor in the Industrial Relations Department of S.G.I.

On January 4, 1981, Sherry met Ian Robert Bailey, and she married him in Regina on November 12, 1983. Ian was born on February 3, 1950, in Meadow Lake, Sask.

Sherry's past and present leisure time activities include skiing - water, cross-country and downhill, curling, swimming, softball, the Jane Fonda workout, playing the accordion, modelling, travelling, sewing, painting - water colours, oil and acrylic, pottery - mostly handbuilding and some throwing, off loom weaving, and hardanger embroidery.



Stefan Franko & Family
From L to R: Standing: Stefan, Ivan, Roman, Roma
Sitting: Alina

STEFAN FRANKO

I have the honour of being the youngest son of Wasyl and Katie Franko. I was born on December 20, 1931, on their farm near Theodore, Sask.

I took my elementary school at Poplar Leaf School, a small rural one-room school located three miles from home. In order to stay at home and assist my parents with the farm work, I took my grades 9 and 10 by correspondence. I completed my remaining two grades at Theodore High School where I was the valedictorian for the graduating class of 1950.

After working for one winter at the Weyburn Training School, I enrolled in the College of Engineering at the University of Saskatchewan in the fall of 1951 and graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering in 1955. During the academic year of 1958-59, I attended the College of Law; however, financial obligations made it necessary for me to return to the work force. By attending night classes for several years, I received a Certificate in Business Administration from the College of Commerce in 1968.

After graduating, I was employed with the Saskatchewan Department of Highways and worked in the Yorkton district for two years. During this time my work consisted of designing and overseeing the construction of the No. 5 highway: from Canora to Kamsack, some work in the vicinity of Buchanan, and the design of a section east of Kamsack; and of the No. 9 highway north from Canora to the Assiniboine River.

On May 28, 1956, I married Roma Zoria Stratychuk in the Ukrainian Orthodox Church in Canora, Sask. We have two sons, Roman and Ivan. It was because of Roma's desire to complete her university studies that we moved first to Regina and then to Saskatoon.

In 1957 I accepted a position in Regina as Assistant Works Engineer in the Department of Public Works. My primary function was to provide various engineering services to government-owned facilities. Most of the work related to the design and construction of roadways and parking lots adjacent to the Parliament Buildings in Regina and Valley View Centre in Moose Jaw.

Since June 15, 1959, I have been employed with the City of Saskatoon, Engineering Department, in various positions. My current title is that of Roadways Design Engineer and I am responsible for establishing specifications and standards for the design, construction and maintenance of roadways, structures, and bridges. During my employment with the city, I have been fortunate to participate in the development and growth of the

City of Saskatoon from a population of approximately 80,000 to 160,000.

When Roma and I moved to Saskatoon, we decided that it was time to become property owners. With lots of enthusiasm, but very little experience and even less money, we started sifting through the real estate ads. As fate would have it, we finally settled on a 2 1/2 story house only two blocks away from Mohyla Institute where my wife and I had met in our student days. To us, this seemed to be an auspicious beginning, but that was before we tried raising the down payment and began remodelling the home into living quarters for us and six income-bearing light housekeeping rooms. With both of us attending university, and with one baby keeping us awake at nights and another one on the way, it was a challenge, to say the least, to fit in our studying and remodelling and still maintain our sanity. Fortunately, our parents and other family members came through with some loans and babysitting assistance and we were able to survive until I went back to work.

While attending university I resided for four years at the P. Mohyla Ukrainian Institute which served both as a Cultural Centre and as a Students' Residence. It was here that I became involved in the work of the Ukrainian community in Canada. In those years it was compulsory for Institute residents to attend church and various lectures, and to belong to "Kamenari", the student body at the Institute. In addition, the Canadian Youth Association of Canada (CYMK), held its meetings there, as did its parent organization, the Ukrainian Self-Reliance League of Canada (CYC). This exposure to Ukrainian organizational life instilled in me deep feelings of pride in my heritage as well as a strong sense of responsibility for maintaining and developing that heritage in Canada for future generations.

I began my involvement in the Ukrainian Community by being President of "Kamenari" in 1955. After settling in Saskatoon in 1959, I joined the Ukrainian Self-Reliance Association (TYC) and since then I have held many positions with this organization at all levels: secretary of the Saskatoon Branch in 1959 and president of it from 1962-64, and 1974-75; President of the Provincial Branch from 1967-69, 1976-78, 1985; and Treasurer with the National Executive from 1970-74. During this period I attended numerous seminars, workshops, and most of the national conferences which are held bi-annually. In addition, much time was devoted to planning, co-ordinating and chairing provincial and national conferences.

From 1961-67, I served on the Board of Directors for the Mohyla Institute. During that time I chaired the Planning and Building Committee which culminated its work with the construction of the new facility located at Wiggins Avenue and Temperance Street. Many hours were dedicated towards the raising

of funds, planning, and working with the architect and contractor until the building was completed in 1965. At the time of the official opening, I served in the capacity of Vice-President of the Board. This important project was my first challenge in working in the broader Ukrainian community and it gave me a great deal of satisfaction.

Shortly after becoming a member of the Holy Trinity Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral in 1960, I began serving on various committees and on the executive from 1962-69. After conducting a survey to ascertain the need for another Ukrainian Orthodox Parish in the city, I chaired the committee that obtained the site for such a parish and the committee that spearheaded the formation of another parish.

In June, 1969, with the official formation of the All Saints Ukrainian Orthodox Parish, I had the honour of being a founding member and of serving as its first president until 1973. Initially, the congregation was housed at the Mohyla Institute, but as its membership increased it was evident that there was a need for it to have a facility of its own and I was asked to assume the responsibility for chairing a Planning and Building Committee. During the construction of the modernized Hutsul church I served as President from 1979 to 1982. Although there were many major decisions and financial commitments to be made, the support of the membership was most gratifying.

In order to serve a broader community in Saskatoon, I joined the Ukrainian Canadian Business and Professional Club in 1964 and I was elected as its President from 1974-76. During this period, Vesna Festival, a cabaret celebrating Ukrainian culture, expanded dramatically and the Vesna Ukrainian Youth Chorus and the Vesna Bandurist Ensembles were formed.

Over the years I have represented various organizations on both the local and provincial levels of the Ukrainian Canadian Committee (KYK) and I served as President of the Saskatoon Branch from 1971-73. Fulfilling one's obligations in this organization frequently involved working at both the provincial and national levels.

In order to obtain a better understanding of financial institutions, I served on the Board of the New Community Savings and Credit Union from 1973-79. The experience that I gained assisted me in making sound personal investments. During the construction of new facilities for this institution, I served as Chairman of the Building Committee.

Currently I serve on the Board of Directors for the Ukrainian Museum of Canada and am involved in the multi-million capital expansion of its Saskatoon Branch. I also represent Saskatchewan on the Board of the CYC Foundation of Canada which

is responsible for raising capital funds for the needs of the organization.

In terms of my professional life, I have been a member of the following associations: the Association of Professional Engineers of Saskatchewan and the Engineering Institute of Canada since 1957; the Saskatchewan Association of Surveyors since 1968; the Canadian Technical Asphalt Association since 1982 and I co-chaired a national convention for it in November, 1984; the American Public Works Association since 1965; the Saskatchewan Public Works Association where I served on the executive for several years, including the position of President in 1975 during which time I was instrumental in the formation of a Canadian Public Works Association; and the Saskatoon Geotechnical Society.

In the wider community I belong to the Saskatoon Co-op Association, the Saskatoon Credit Union, the City Employee's Credit Union, the Canadian Club, and the University of Saskatchewan Alumni Association. Throughout the years I have contributed annually to the Saskatoon United Appeal, the Saskatchewan Council for the Handicapped, the Canadian Cancer Society, the Heart Fund, Camp Easter Seal, Mohyla Institute, Green Grove Summer Camp, St. Andrew's College, St. Vladimir's Institute in Toronto, the CYC Foundation, the Taras Shevchenko Foundation, Ukrainian Social Services, and other charitable organizations.

Over the years, when our sons were at home, we toured Western Canada, parts of the United States, and in 1972 we spent six weeks touring Ukraine, Austria, Poland, Czechoslovakia, Yugoslavia, and Italy. In 1978 Roma and I drove through England and Scotland and Wales and in 1981 we joined our sons in Europe and toured France, Italy and Switzerland with them.

In addition to my professional and community obligations, much of my time is taken up with my role as President of Franko Enterprises Ltd., a private company engaged in real estate since 1972.

My goal is to take early retirement, travel, develop a few relaxing hobbies and continue working in the community at large.

ROMA ZORIA (STRATYCHUK) FRANKO

I am the younger daughter of Roman and Sonia (nee Melnyk) Stratychuk and I was born October 16, 1936, in Meacham, Sask. As a baby, I moved with my parents first to the homestead where my father had been born, and then to the nearby town of Canora, Sask.

Growing up in Canora was a lucky break for me. It was a progressive little town with an excellent school, a surprisingly good public library, and a well-organized Ukrainian community. The general tone of the town reinforced the emphasis that was placed in our home on academic excellence and cultural attainments.

Thanks to my parents who had little money but who were rich in love and imagination, I took piano lessons to the grade 10 level with the Royal Conservatory of Music and participated in the Saskatchewan Music Festival. Our entire family loved to sing in church and community choirs and I later accompanied and conducted several of them.

Following the example of my parents who were always heavily involved in concerts, plays, and organizational work, I immersed myself in many extra-curricular activities during my school years: Ukrainian School, Sunday School, Ukrainian dancing, the Canadian Ukrainian Youth Association (CYMK), Bryant Oratory competitions, school plays and operettas, and concerts and plays in the community.

In high school I received several academic awards and it was assumed that somehow money would be found to allow me to continue my studies at university. After winning an Entrance Scholarship to the University of Saskatchewan in the fall of 1954, I enrolled in the College of Education and moved into the P. Mohyla Institute in Saskatoon.

It was at the Institute that I met Stefan. Despite our busy schedule at university and our involvement in Saskatoon's Ukrainian community, we found time to become engaged in the spring of 1955. We were married May 28, 1956, and for one year we lived with my parents in Canora where I taught grade 2 in my former school.

After the birth of our first son, Roman, in 1957 and our subsequent move to Regina along with my parents, I was able to attend Regina College and complete my Associate in Arts. In order to help me continue my studies, our extended family unit then moved to Saskatoon where I taught for seven years with the Public School Board and took summer school and evening courses at the university. In this way I received two degrees with Distinction in English: a B.A. in 1959 and a B.Ed. in 1961.

After the birth of our second son, Ivan, in 1959, I began teaching high school Ukrainian credit courses at Mohyla Institute and Ukrainian School at the Holy Trinity Ukrainian Cathedral. When I was approached to co-author the first Ukrainian high school courses for the Saskatchewan Government Correspondence School, I decided to further my studies in Ukrainian. Thus, by the fall of 1965, I completed writing the grades 9-12

correspondence courses and earned a B.A. with High Honours in Slavic Studies.

In 1967 I began teaching as a Sessional Lecturer in the Department of Slavic Studies at the University of Saskatchewan. In 1971, after I received my Master's degree in Ukrainian Literature, I was appointed as a tenured Lecturer. I became an Assistant Professor in 1974, an Associate Professor in 1980, and, in 1981, I was appointed Head of the Department of Slavic Studies.

When both our sons enrolled in the University of Toronto in 1976, I decided to begin a Ph.D. program in Ukrainian Literature at the same university. During my two years of residency, I was awarded the Connaught Fellowship and a Canada Council Doctoral Fellowship. I stayed at St. Vladimir's Ukrainian Institute with our sons and it was a wonderful experience to attend university with them! In 1978 I spent six weeks at the University of Chernivtsi in Ukraine under the terms of the Exchange Agreement between our two universities. From 1982-85, I chaired this Exchange Committee.

For over a decade, I pioneered new methods of teaching Ukrainian. I instructed Ukrainian Methods Courses at the Universities of Alberta, Manitoba, and Saskatchewan, and conducted many workshops in Western Canada and Ontario to train teachers in the Audio-Visual Method of teaching Second Languages. In 1973-75, I prepared a three-year instructional program. Ukrainian by the Audio-Visual Method: Part Two with Student's Texts, Teacher's Manuals, filmstrips and instructional tapes.

During my years at the university I have undertaken numerous speaking engagements both at professional conferences and within the Ukrainian community. I have also been actively involved in the work of various educational organizations such as the Provincial and Interprovincial Ukrainian Curriculum Committees and the Saskatchewan Teachers of Ukrainian (President, and Co-Editor of Tema). From 1972-1980, I served on the Board of Directors of the National Film Board of Canada and I was its Vice Chairman in 1978-80.

Over the years I have acquired a large library of books in Ukrainian and English which fill me with delight and my husband with despair as he is the one who has to build bookcases for them! I enjoy walking and bike riding, but I have no real hobbies. My idea of a great time is to curl up with a few good books and some crisp, juicy apples.

Roman Wasyl Franko - Roman is the older son of Stefan and Roma Franko. He was born April 14, 1957, in Canora, Sask., but

he grew up in Saskatoon where he attended Greystone Heights Public School and Evan Hardy Collegiate Institute. In grade 8 he tied for top academic honours and received the Blake Maybank Trophy for his involvement in school activities and in interschool athletic competitions. In high school his name appeared consistently on the honour roll.

During his school years, Roman's extra-curricular activities revolved around his interest in music. He studied the violin and clarinet and played in various school and regional bands, the Lions "A" Band, the Saskatoon and Saskatchewan Youth Orchestras, and the Saskatoon Symphony Orchestra. He also played in orchestras for a number of school and community operettas and won awards both at the Saskatoon Music Festival and the Saskatchewan Ukrainian Arts Program. Roman took a number of Royal Conservatory examinations in violin (Grade X) and clarinet (Grade VIII) as well as in the theory, history and harmony of music.

In 1974 Roman was selected by the Women's Symphony Society to attend the Congress of Strings in Los Angeles, and in 1975-76 he studied violin with Taras Gabora in Montreal. As a member of the orchestra that toured with the Yevshan Ukrainian Folkloric Ballet Ensemble, he travelled to England in 1976 and to Sweden in 1978. He also played violin on records cut by Yevshan and by the vocal trio Samotsvity. In 1977 he was an adjudicator for the Ukrainian Arts Program in Saskatoon.

Throughout this time, Roman took an active part in the community. He attended Ukrainian School, Sunday School, and served for many years as altar boy at the Holy Trinity Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral and All Saints Ukrainian Orthodox Parish. He was a member of the Ukrainian Canadian Youth Association (CYMK), and a founding member of the Vesna Ukrainian Youth Chorus and Bandurist Ensemble. He also belonged to Cubs and Scouts.

Summers provided Roman with the opportunity of furthering his interests. He attended several workshops and music camps in Saskatoon, Victoria, and Courtenay, B.C. He also enrolled in total immersion language programs in Ukrainian at the Mohyla Institute in Saskatoon, and in French at Lac St. Jean and Trois Rivieres in Quebec.

Of course, there were also summer holidays spent with his grandparents on their farm near Theodore, and annual camping trips with his family, most often to the Rocky Mountains. A highlight of these years was a memorable six-week tour with family and friends to Ukraine, Poland, Czechoslovakia, Austria, Yugoslavia and Italy in 1972.

In 1976, Roman began an Honours B.A. in Political Science at the University of Toronto which he completed with first-class standing in 1980. During this period he lived at St. Vladimir's

Ukrainian Institute in Toronto, participated actively in exchanges with other "sister" residences in Saskatoon, Winnipeg and Edmonton, and took part in activities of the University of Toronto's Ukrainian Students' Club.

In 1980-81, Roman continued his studies in Paris, where he enrolled in Comparative Politics at the Institute d'etudes politiques, and in French at the Sorbonne. In 1981-82, he received a scholarship to pursue a Master's degree in Political Studies at Queen's University in Kingston.

When Roman was selected to be an Ontario Legislative Intern in 1982-83, he had the opportunity to work for periods of six months for both a government and an opposition M.P.P. After this, Roman worked in Toronto for two years as Policy Analyst for the Indian Chiefs of Ontario. During this time, Roman became a member of St. Vladimir's Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral in Toronto and also began attending various meetings and functions of the Ukrainian Business and Professional Club of Toronto.

Roman was married to Alina Panigas on July 20, 1985. He has accepted a scholarship to begin a Ph.D. in Political Studies at Queen's University in Kingston in the fall of 1985.

Ivan Stefan Franko - Ivan, the younger son of Stefan and Roma Franko, was born June 29, 1959, in Saskatoon, Sask. He attended Greystone Heights Elementary School where he shared the academic achievement award in grade 8. At Evan Hardy Collegiate Institute, Ivan was consistently an honour-roll student and he enjoyed playing chess and participating in musical activities.

Throughout his earlier years, Ivan was actively involved in various community activities. He attended Ukrainian School, Sunday School, belonged to the Canadian Ukrainian Youth Association (CYMK), and served as altar boy for many years at the Holy Trinity Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral and All Saints Ukrainian Orthodox Parish. He was also active in Cubs and Scouts and took part in the local 4H Photography Club.

The summer months brought with them holidays to his grandparents farm near Theodore and camping trips with his parents and his brother to the Rockies and other parts of Canada and the northern States. In 1972, he travelled with his family to Europe where he toured Ukraine, Poland, Austria, Czechoslovakia, Yugoslavia, and Italy.

Ivan's interest in music began at an early age. He studied the violin and trumpet and won several awards for his performances in the Saskatoon Music Festival and the Saskatchewan Ukrainian Arts Program. He was a founding member of the Vesna Ukrainian Youth Chorus and played on albums recorded by the Yevshan Ukrainian Folkloric Ballet Ensemble and the Samotsvity

Trio. When Yevshan went on tour, Ivan travelled with this Ensemble to England in 1976 and to Sweden in 1978 as a member of its orchestra.

During the summer months, Ivan attended music workshops in Saskatoon and Victoria before studying and acting as a counsellor at the Courtney Youth Music Camp in B.C. He took lessons in piano, theory, harmony and history of music to complement his Royal Conservatory examinations on the trumpet (Grade VIII) and violin (Grade IX). Ivan played trumpet with the Lions "A" Band and violin with the Saskatoon Symphony Orchestra.

After completing his high school studies at Christmas in 1975, Ivan went to Montreal where he studied violin with Taras Gabora and took trumpet lessons during the spring term of 1976. In the fall of that year he enrolled in a B.A. Honours Program at the University of Toronto from which he graduated with a major in Art History in 1980. During this time he resided at St. Vladimir's Ukrainian Institute where he participated in sports and a variety of cultural events. Summers were spent in total immersion language courses learning Ukrainian, French, and German.

Ivan spent 1980-81 in Paris studying French and becoming versed in European art and architecture. Following his year abroad, Ivan successfully completed a Master's degree in the History of Modern Architecture at Columbia University in New York in 1981-82. During this time he resided at International House where he participated in the Harlem Tutorial Project and played violin with the International House Orchestra.

In 1982, Ivan moved to Toronto where he was invited by the editor of the Biographic Dictionary of Architects in Canada to assume the position of Research Assistant and to contribute articles to the dictionary. At this time, Ivan was also engaged in doing some summer research for the Ukrainian Cultural Heritage Village near Edmonton.

In 1983 Ivan enrolled in the five-year Bachelor of Architecture Program at the University of Toronto. At the present time he is a member of St. Vladimir's Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral and he sings with the Ukrainian Youth Chorus "Chary".



Rose & Bill Kutcher

ROSE (FRANKO) KUTCHER

I was born in rural Theodore on August 7, 1934, and I am the youngest of the seven children who were born to Wasyl and Katie Franko. I attended Poplar Leaf School until grade 10 and then I went to Theodore High School where I completed my grade 12 education.

In 1952 I left for Regina to attend the Success Business College. During my one year there I took typing, bookkeeping and shorthand.

For the next 13 years I was employed in the Library Department of the Medical Arts Clinic. After leaving that position I worked part-time at Sears for four years.

In 1954 I married Bill Kutcher from rural Springside. His parents farmed in the Whitesand River area and later they retired in Yorkton.

When Bill first came to Regina, he worked for Regina Motor Products in the Service Department. In 1957 he bought his own gravel truck and he worked for the Department of Highways and the City of Regina. In 1966 the Hudson Bay Company opened its first department store in Regina and Bill started to work there as a truck driver. Three years later he became Assistant Supervisor in the Delivery and Shipping Department. For the past four years he has been the Manager of the Delivery, Shipping and Marking Room Departments at the Bay.

In 1966, Bill and I built our own house which is our home at the present.

Bill and I have many hobbies. I do crocheting, wheat weaving, sewing and baking. Bill likes to do furniture refinishing and carpentry, and he loves to fish.

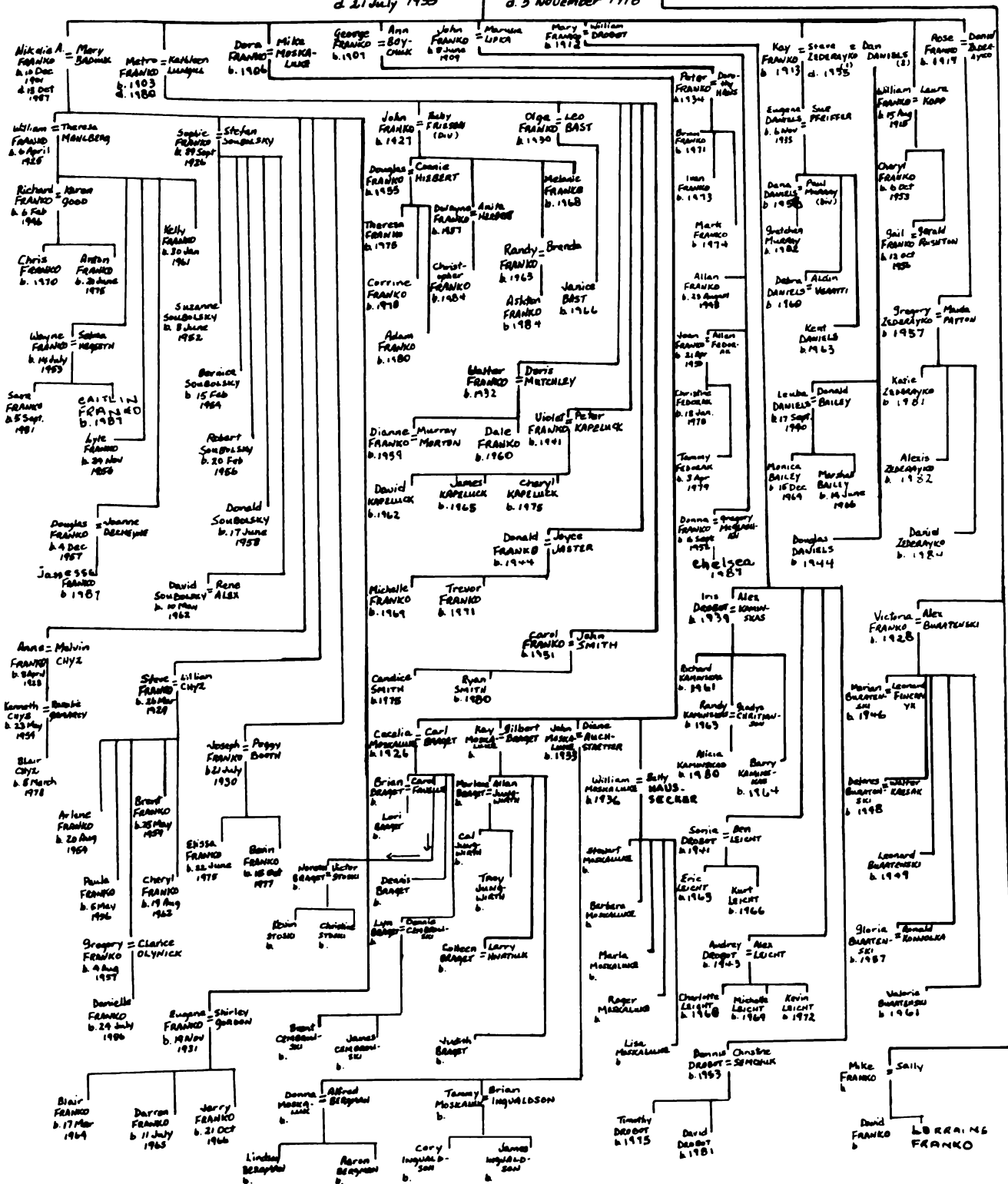
For the past 20 years, we have both been avid fans of the Saskatchewan Roughriders.

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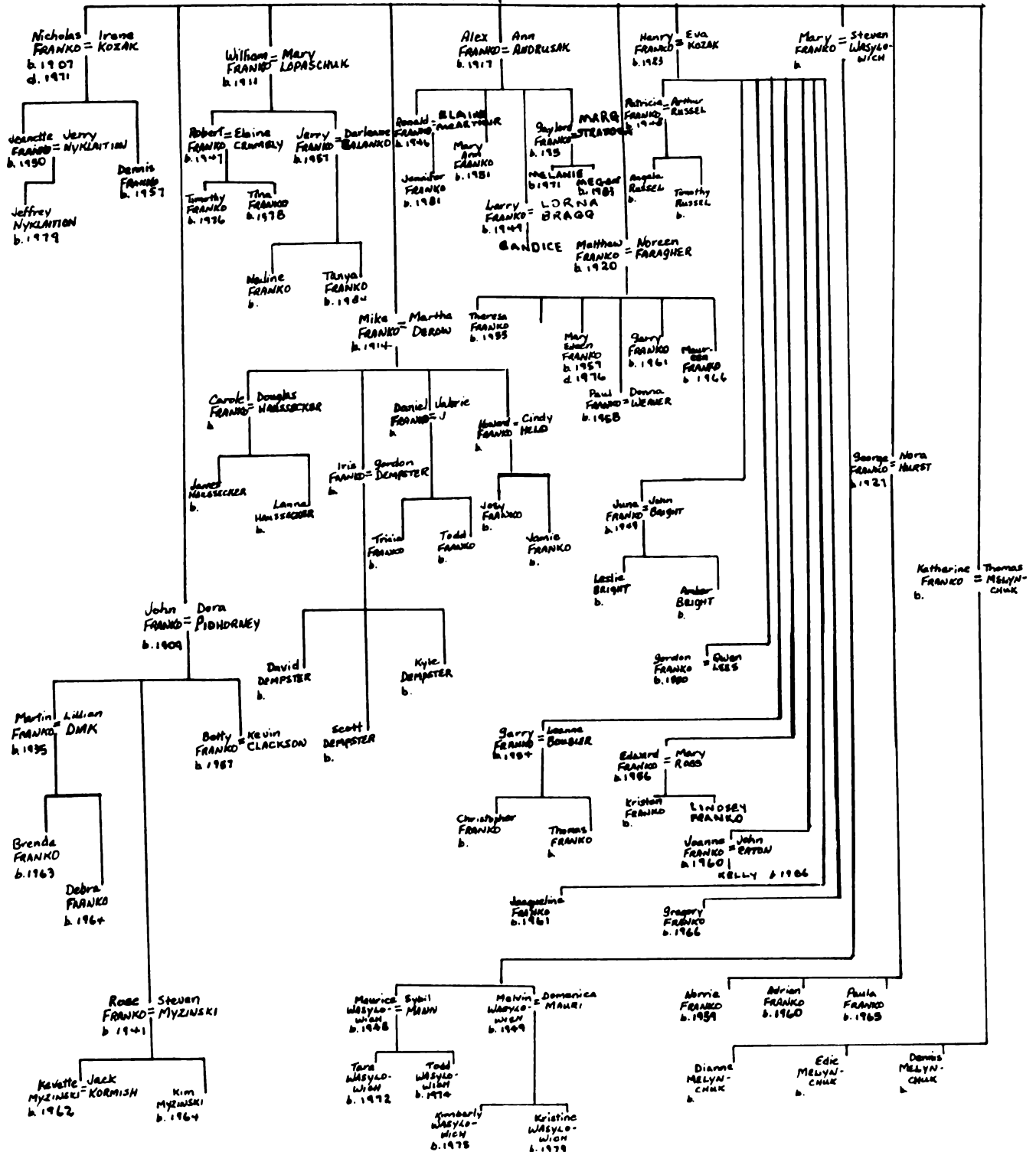
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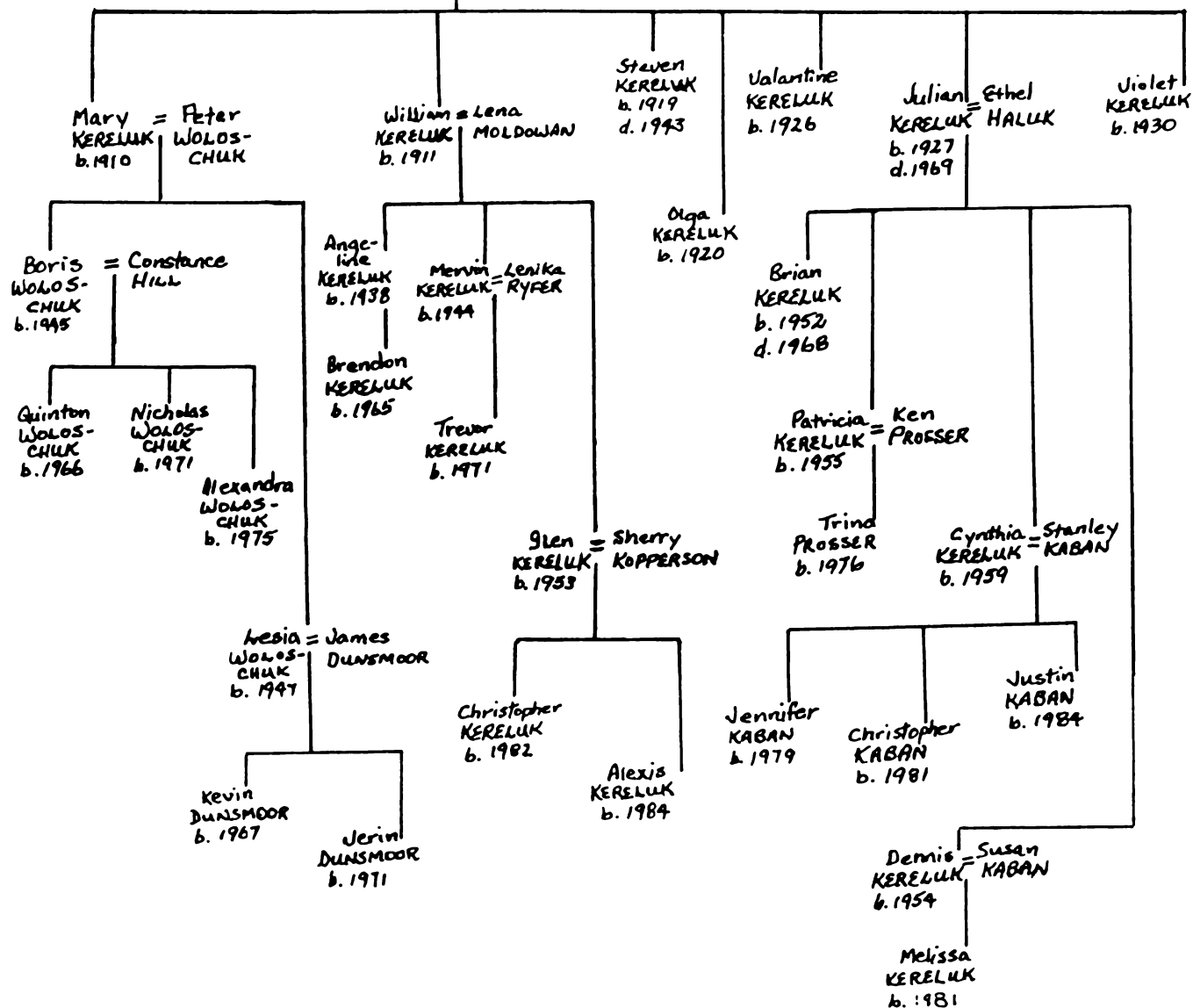
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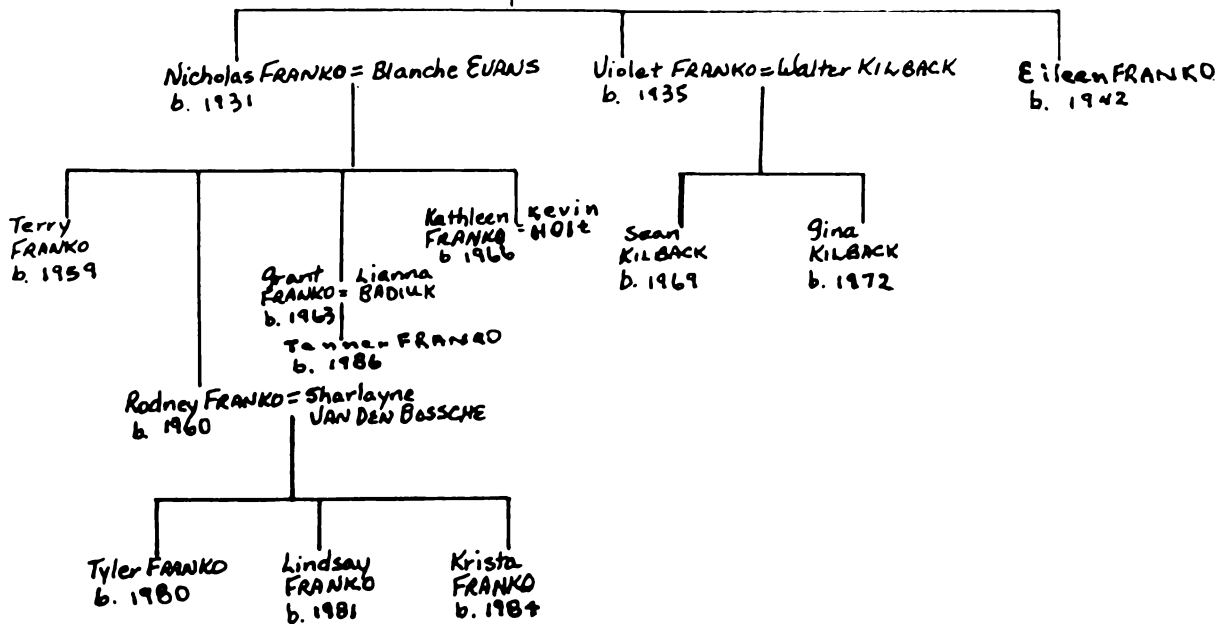
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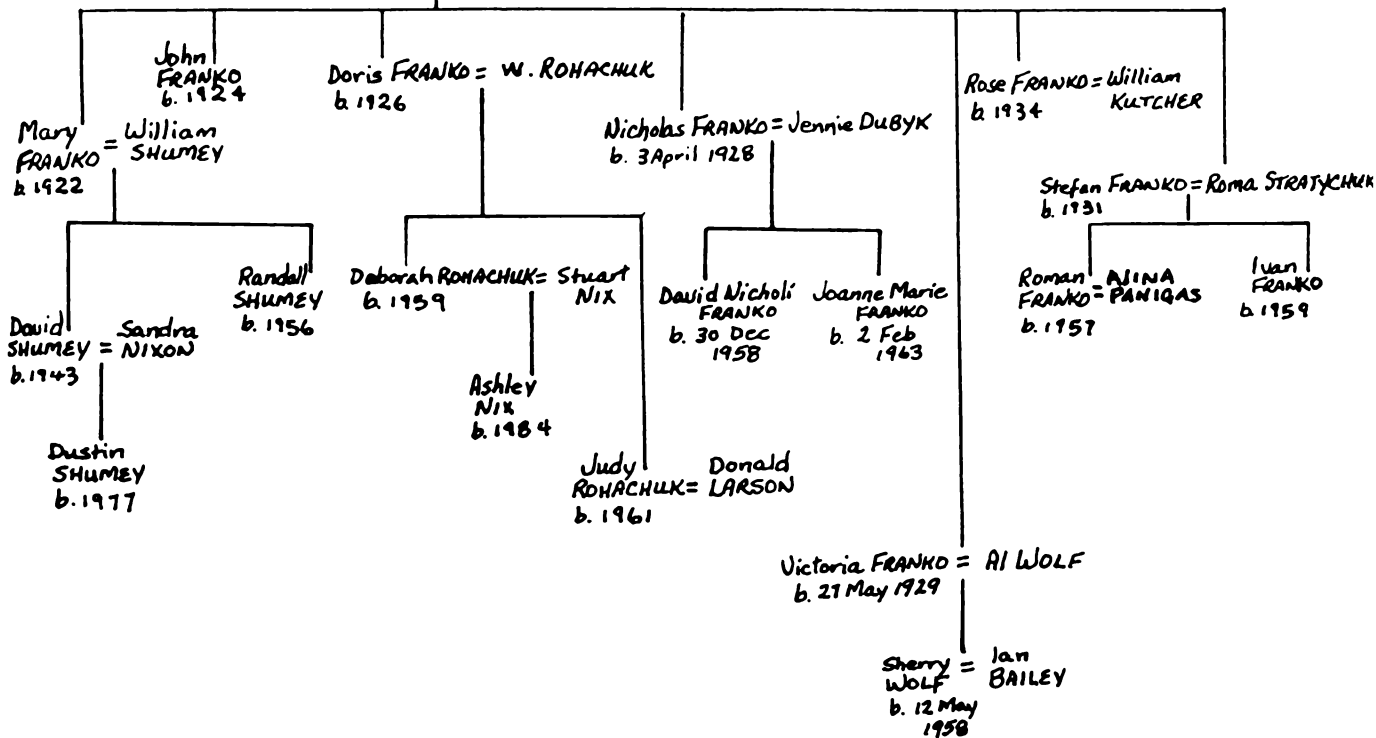
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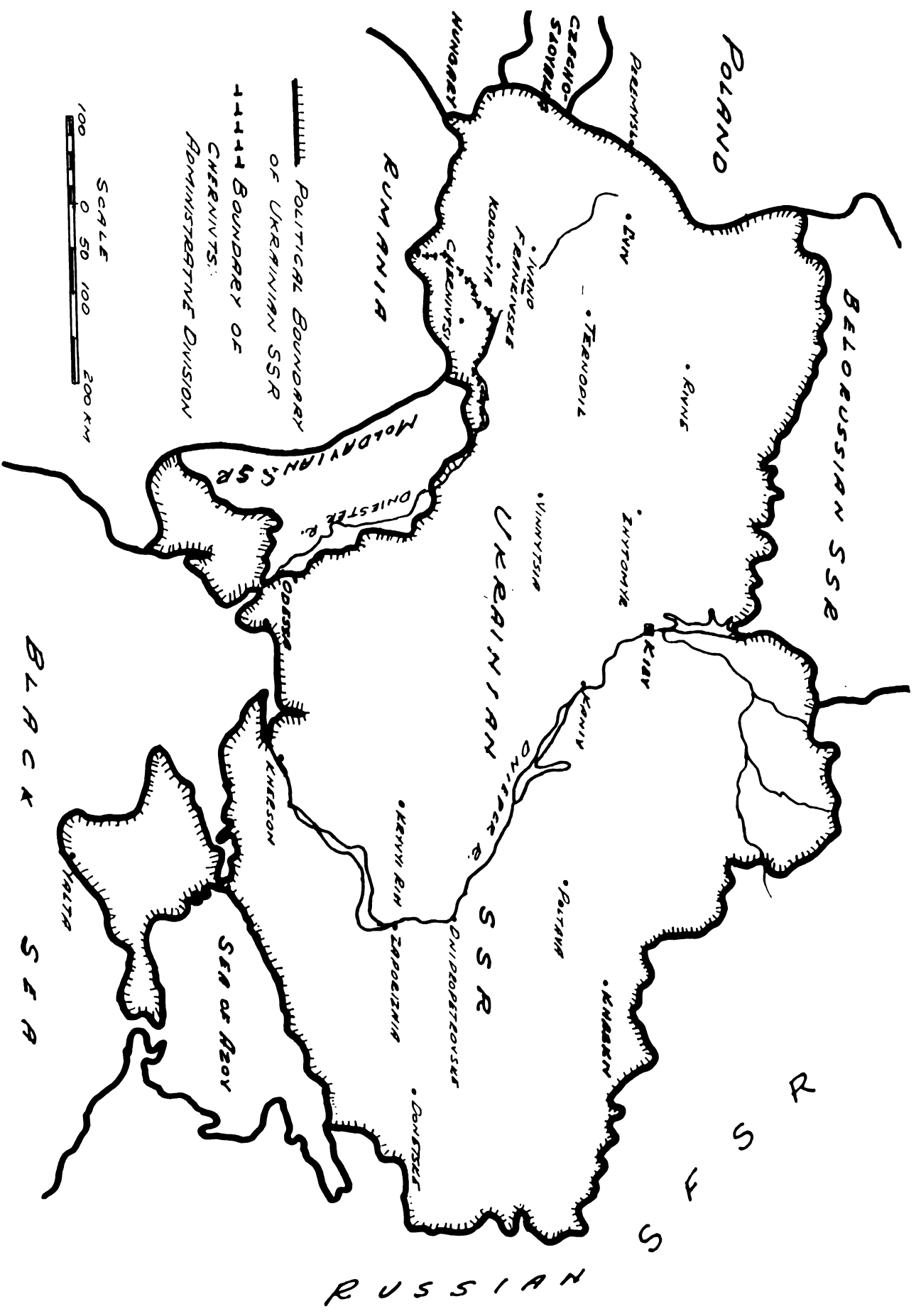
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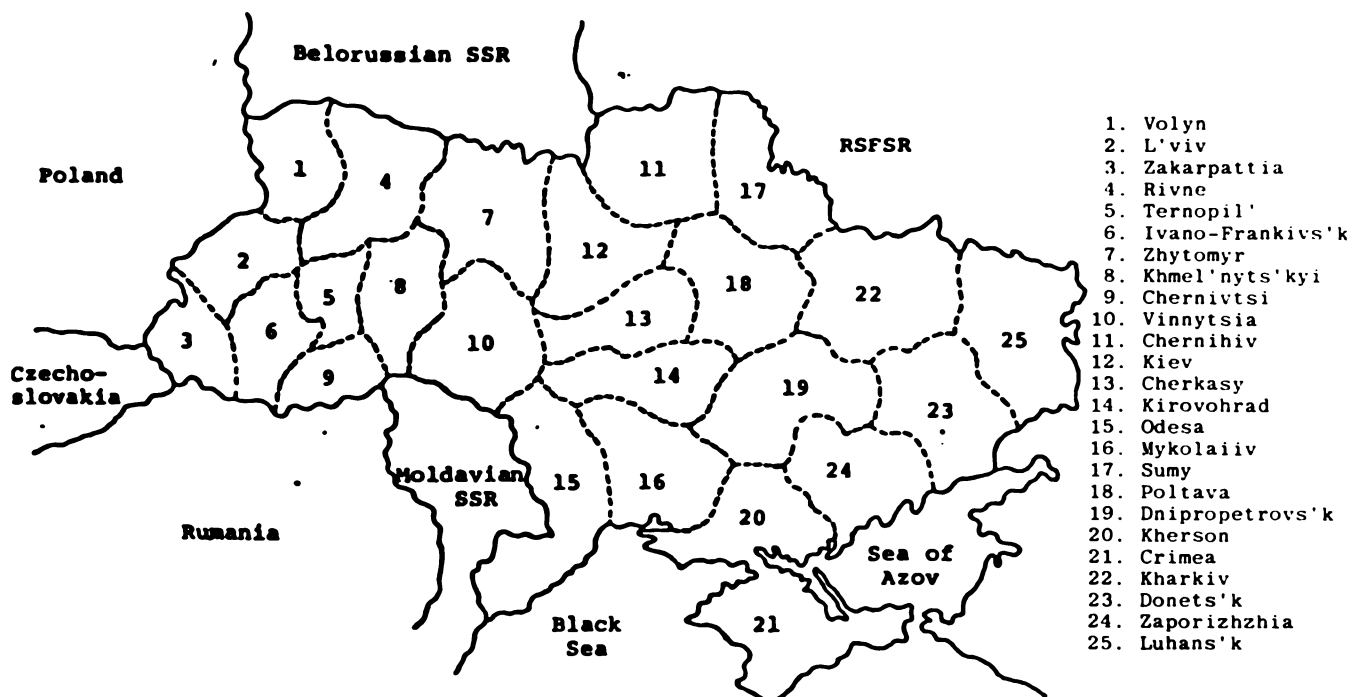


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ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION OF THE TERRITORY AND POPULATION FIGURES
BY REGIONS OF UKRAINIAN SSR

Region	Area (1000 sq km)	Administrative units on Jan. 1st, 1968				Population on Jan. 1st, 1968			Density of population on Jan. 1st, 1968 (population per sq km)
		Districts	Cities	Urban populated areas	Rural populated areas	Total (thousands)	In per cent of total population		
							Urban	Rural	
Vinnitsya	26.5	25	9	26	1576	2152	23	77	80
Volyn	26.3	15	10	21	1083	973	32	68	48
Dnipropetrovsk	31.9	20	20	36	1664	3272	77	23	103
Dnipro	26.5	10	49	133	1336	4909	68	32	185
Zhytomir	29.9	22	8	39	1682	1565	33	67	53
Transcarpathian	12.6	13	9	14	580	1050	30	70	82
Zaporizhzhya	27.2	10	12	20	1088	1738	63	37	64
Ivano-Frankivsk	13.9	14	13	26	766	1234	30	70	89
Kiev (without city)	26.3	24	13	33	1235	1621	33	67	64
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Kirovograd	24.6	21	11	20	1316	1279	41	59	52
Kherson	27.8	14	14	35	1232	1676	64	36	62
Luhansk	26.7	10	34	98	939	2815	85	15	105
L'viv	21.6	20	26	36	1929	2408	46	54	110
Mykolaiv	24.7	19	7	18	1189	1115	34	66	45
Odesa	33.3	20	13	26	1239	2262	54	46	69
Poltava	26.8	25	12	16	2196	1690	38	62	59
Rivne	20.1	10	9	16	1013	1032	26	74	51
Sumy	23.6	10	18	10	1014	1501	41	59	63
Ternopil	13.8	16	14	18	964	1162	24	76	84
Chernihiv	21.4	25	15	36	2236	2798	70	30	87
Kherson	26.3	10	8	26	828	997	55	45	35
Khmel'nitskiy	26.6	20	10	21	1453	1612	25	75	70
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Chervinka	31.9	22	18	31	1567	1866	34	66	49
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LIFE'S BEST

There are lots of things that money can't buy
The scent of a rose, the blue of the sky,
The sound of a bird singing at dawn,
Memories that stay when the years have gone;
The clasp of a hand, the smile of a friend
Faith in our hearts and peace at day's end.....

