

# OUR FAMILIES

*Mr. and Mrs. Dick Bustin and family 1912.*

## MR. AND MRS. STUART ABBOTT AND FAMILY

*by Gladys Van Baaren  
in consultation with Mrs. Olive Abbott*

Stuart Abbott, a native of Scotland, came to live in Rosedale in 1919 on a 20-acre farm at 50817 Castleman Rd.

Abbott, a gardener by profession, had been married in Scotland and had a son Philip born in 1903. Philip's mother died and Philip went to live with relatives in New York.

Stuart Abbott, with his second wife, Mary came from Vancouver to Rosedale. Accompanying them were children Thomas and Catherine. A third son Robert and daughter Mary were born in Rosedale. Thomas and Catherine attended Rosedale Elementary School. Philip Abbott rejoined the family in the 1920's as a young man. He attended Rosedale United Church and was active in the Young People's Society.

In 1924 the farm was sold to Mr. Arthur Henry Cornish. Stuart and Mary Abbott took over a farm of Mr. Cornish in Alberta, and moved the young family there.

Philip Abbott moved to Chilliwack where he worked for twenty-five years as a printer for the "Chilliwack Progress". He had a distinguished military career serving in the Canadian Army 1939-45 in France and Italy and rose to the rank of sergeant major.

He was married to Doris Nichol of Chilliwack and the couple had three children, Audrey, Anita and Ethel. After the death of Mrs. Doris Abbott, Philip married her sister, a widow, Mrs. Olive Nichol Thornton of Chilliwack. Phil Abbott was an active member of the community until his death in June 1967 at age 64 yrs. He is buried in the Royal Canadian Legion Cemetery, Mt. Shannon, Chilliwack, B.C.

His widow, Mrs. Olive Abbott, continues to live in Chilliwack and is very active in Chilliwack United Church.

## THE ADACHI STORY

*as remembered by Fred Bryant  
and edited by Mrs. A. Sasaki*

One family that had a particularly fine effect in the early days of Rosedale was the Tommy Adachi Family. The cruel hard effect of World War II was felt no more deeply by a community than what it did to this very fine, industrious and hard working Japanese family.

"Little Tommy," as he was affectionately known to one and all, farmed on the property immediately south of the Elementary school at 10065 McGrath Road. He moved to this farm in 1924 from Sardis, B.C. With his wife, Fuyu, they had a family of two sons and two daughters. The eldest girl, Aya, was a dressmaker who married in December 1938, and moved to Vancouver. She served as secretary to the United Church Sunday School for many years. The two boys, Setsu and Rai, were keen sportsmen and while small in stature, their prowess at baseball, soccer and lacrosse left many a bigger fellow wondering what had happened to the ball.



*Seated: Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Adachi. Standing: Rai, Jack (Aya's husband), Aya, Setsu, Mitsuye.*

Little Mitsuye, the youngest of the family, was everybody's sweetheart, petite, charming, and lovable. She was 20 years old when the family left Rosedale.

In those early days, when automobile transportation was not universal, dependence on neighbours was often necessary. Tommy Adachi's skill and ingenuity as a helpful veterinarian were highly appreciated. There was not a veterinarian clinic in those days. Long before calcium injections were known as a treatment for milk fever in dairy cows Tommy would treat by udder inflation and saved many a cow's life in this way.

His small but exceedingly strong forearms were just right for delivery in difficult calvings and his swift and uncanny use of a trocar in the instance of bloat, which was very common in those days, saved many a valued cow or heifer.

As far as it is known Tommy never would accept remuneration. "After all," he would say, "What are neighbours for?"

This was the time when silage corn was cut by hand with a short-handled hoe and loaded on wagons for filling silos by use of a cutting box. Little Tommy could outwork many a man three times his weight. When it looked like the threshing machine would be late in getting to your place it was Tommy Adachi who could and would build the grain stacks. Any he built stood true and shed the rain, a real accomplishment. His team and wagon were the envy of all.

A special mention must be made of the fine orchards on the Adachi farm. Prized indeed were those large King apples just over the fence from the schoolyard. I can't remember anyone ever swiping one. There was no need. The Adachi boys would come to school after lunch, walking through the orchard, and bring apples to us all.

Then came the war in 1939, followed by that fateful morning of December 7th, 1941, Pearl Harbour. Suddenly everything changed. All Japanese on the Pacific Coast were suspected enemy aliens. There were blackout

Air Raid precautions and reports of Japanese warships off the B.C. coast.

As a precautionary measure all Japanese were ordered to move at least 100 miles from the coast. This meant everyone—there were no exceptions. The Tashme camps at 14-mile post on the New Hope-Princeton Highway suddenly became an instant town. The Adachis would have to move, although they had become as much a part of Rosedale as any pioneer family. But this was war and it was not for Rosedale nor the Adachis to say. Aya recalls the departure vividly. She has since returned to the Surrey area where she married and raised her family. She has kept in close touch with friends in Rosedale, friends who just couldn't grasp the horror of what was taking place.

No one event, before or in the forty odd years since, has so touched a community. On the night that the family boarded the CNR train in Rosedale for Ontario all residents, and it is generally agreed that there were few, exceptions, were there at the station to see them off. The send-off was boisterous, while tears flowed freely and the train was obliged to wait much longer than scheduled. The grim reality of war settled over the large crowd as the engine whistled and carried our much loved neighbours away to the east around the bend towards Popkum and a new life in Ontario.

Also in the Adachi household for a time was Shingo, a cousin. He was known for his left-foot kicking of a football, his art in sketching and whittling, and his beautiful handwriting. Shingo was a victim of rheumatoid arthritis and passed away in 1953, in early maturity.

Setsu, Missuye, and Rai remained in Ontario after the wartime transplanting. All are married and living in Scarborough.



*The Adachi Family Home at 10065 McGrath Road.*

## MR. AND MRS. ROBERT AITKEN PIONEERS ON CHAPMAN ROAD

*by Gladys (Aitken) Van Baaren*

Robert Aitken and Mary Jane Stafford were born in Berkeley, Ontario, near Owen Sound. They married in Chatsworth in June, 1900, and came west by Great Northern Railroad through the United States, travelling through the Badlands of North Dakota and Montana.



*Standing: Alvin, Raymond (Ray), Edward (Ted). Seated: Gladys, Mrs. R. Aitken, Thelma.*

On the way through the Badlands of Dakota they saw large bands of Indians riding alongside the train galloping their horses at top speed in full war regalia, with painted faces, feathers, and buckskin jackets, whooping and yelling. My mother, a shy, young bride from the East, was frightened out of her wits. The conductor said, "Don't worry about them; they're just having a celebration of some sort." When they arrived at the ranch in Montana which he shared with his partner, a sad reception was waiting for them. His partner came to him with tears in his eyes, as his wife had just been drowned in a stream swollen by a flash flood. The wagon in which she was fording a stream upset and a wagon board hit her on the head, causing her to drown, leaving him with three small children. My father said, "Here, take my share of the ranch." They left later for the gold mines at Rossland, B.C.

A note about the ranch they left behind: my mother told me that two cowgirls were riding horseback at full speed, with revolvers at their hips and were shooting at a tree, writing their names with bullets round the tree. My mother said, "This is too wild a place for me," so they left for Rossland. She said that the children played with forks and spoons of gold from the mine. From there they moved to Texada Island where my father worked in the copper mine at Vananda. Two children were born there, Thelma and Ray.

After three years the family left, as the smelter fumes made my mother very ill, and came by the steamboat, *Beaver*, up the Fraser River to Chilliwack Landing. Five times the steamer had to go back to New Westminster due to ice jams in the river.

In February, 1904, they finally arrived at Chilliwack Landing and had dinner at the Harrison House. Someone whispered in Mother's ear, "Over there is Bill Miner, the train robber, sitting, eating his dinner." Again my mother was frightened. The proprietor said, "Don't worry; he just robs trains." He was living in Chilliwack at that time. The family then travelled by horses and sleigh to the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Chapman on Chapman Road. There was only a rough trail to Rosedale then which came by Camp River Road. After staying overnight at Mr. and Mrs. John Chapman's they went to their "new" home, a house which was only a granary. My mother could look through the cracks and see the stars at night. They had bought 80 acres of timber and bushland and paid \$1,800 for it. My mother, Mary Jane Aitken, remembers helping my father cut down 13 trees which were over five feet across, with a crosscut hand saw. The initial stock was small, one cow and twelve hens. Mother found farm work very demanding. She churned and made butter and traded butter and eggs for groceries at Bartlett's store.

There was an Indian trail through the woods from McGrath Road to Rosedale. Sometimes when mother would go a half-mile through the woods to a little clearing to milk the cow, the deer would come and stomp their feet, staring at her through the trees as much as to say, "What are you doing here!"

Three more children were born on this farm: Alvin, Ted and Gladys. I only weighed 2 1/2 pounds when born and my first bed was a shoe box.

In 1908 my parents sold most of their possessions and cattle, and rented the farm to Jim Muirhead. They went back to Ontario after eight years - their first trip home. It was quite a chore taking five small children on the train. One lady said to my mother, "Why don't you tie a rope around them?" While in Ontario, my father worked in the silver mine at Colbalt. He told us that he walked on a silver sidewalk, made from the mine ore.

A year or two later, they came back to the Rosedale farm. They sold 17 acres to a Mr. Billy Harris, and another 20 acres to Mr. Kelly at 50817 Castleman Road. The only help was a Chinaman who did the land clearing. They finally acquired more cows, pigs and chickens and built a bigger barn and implement shed. In 1918, Jack Martin, contractor, built a new ten-room cement house. Mr. Aitken designed and made the cement mixer. The house is as sound today as the day it was built.

Money for groceries was obtained by selling pigs, which had to be taken by team and wagon to Minto Landing where Chinese buyers, after much dealing, would pay good prices.

In time, a cream separator made it possible to ship cream to the creamery at Sardis or Chilliwack. The three boys eventually left the farm and went into milling and construction work. A sawmill was operated for many years on what is now known as Aitken Road, west of Chilliwack. Thelma, the elder daughter, was a clerk in the



*The Aitken Family Home 1919.*

David Spencer store before it was sold to Eatons.

Gladys Aitken married one of the first Dutch immigrants to the area, A.B. "Mac" Van Baaren. Together they operated the family farm for a number of years. In 1948, they purchased a farm on the west side of Chapman Road. The land was still heavily wooded and it was long hard work to clear it. Gladys ran a hairdressing shop in Rosedale and later in Vancouver before she married.

Gladys (Aitken) Van Baaren has a record of teaching Sunday School at the Rosedale United Church for all of fifty-five years. Gladys is fondly remembered as the lady who so effectively used flannel graphs to tell stories and who worked so hard to help children to take part in concerts and in musical and recitation numbers for Sunday School and church services. Several times children of two generations were pupils of Gladys. After moving to Chilliwack, Gladys taught at Mount Shannon Sunday School for three years.

Mac and Gladys have two children, Sylvia Porter and Robert "Bobbie". Mrs. R.M. Aitken passed away in her 95th year in 1970; her husband Robert predeceased her in 1937 at age 72.

Mac and Gladys Van Baaren sold the farm in 1979 and moved to a retirement home on Elliott Avenue in Chilliwack. Mac was well known as a musician, playing piano in the Don Northgrave orchestra. He passed away in 1984.

*Below: A.B. (Mac), Bob, Sylvia, Gladys Van Baaren.*



In the early years of 1900 on the Robert Aitken farm, my father raised a lot of pigs which he sold each year in the fall. Every year he kept one pig to be butchered for our winter's meat supply. It was cured in a salt brine mixture.

On this winter morning as my father and brother, Ray, went to milk the cows, they thought they would take a peek through the crack of the barn doors to see if the pig which had been killed, scraped and cleaned, was still hanging by its hind legs attached to a beam by rope and pulley.

When Ray looked through a knothole in the barn door, he heard a crunching sound, and said to Dad, "What's that?" Dad scolded him and said, "Get away from that door, there is a cougar in there, eating the innards of the pig." The cougar had dragged it to the hen house section of the barn.

When the cows were milked and after breakfast, the men went to the back of the barn with their rifles and sure enough the cougar was gone. The men followed its tracks in the snow to the Indian Reserve on Chapman Road, half a mile away. It was a heavily wooded area and lots of wild animals roamed the area.

My father had been a prospector in the latter years of 1800 and the early 1900's in the upper country. He knew what cougar tracks looked like, but this one, had made good its mission. I'll bet it was well satisfied with breakfast.

## FRANCIS K. AKEROYD 1898-1982

*by Joe Patterson*

Francis "Frank" Akeroyd was born in Antler, Saskatchewan. The family moved to Enderby, B.C. in 1901 and farmed for a number of years in that area.

Frank joined the Canadian Army at the age of 16 and saw action in Europe. He was invalidated back to Canada in 1917. Later he moved to Chilliwack, where he married Pearl (Brannick) Patterson in 1926.

They had two sons, James and Clarke. James married Mary Harvey, and Clarke married Margaret Bustin. James resided at Courtenay, Clarke at Aldergrove.

Frank was very active in the Fraser Valley Milk Producers Association, the Chilliwack Ploughing Association, Chilliwack and District Agricultural Society, Dairy Herd Improvement Association and on the board of the Artificial Insemination Centre. His hobbies were growing gladiolia and raising Clydesdale horses.

Pearl Akeroyd died in 1952 and Frank married Hazel (Annis) Bursey in 1965. Hazel died in 1966.

At the time of his death in 1982, Frank was one of two survivors of the 29th Regiment, known as Tobin's "Tigers".

Pearl Akeroyd was a charter member of the East Chilliwack Women's Institute and a member of the Chilliwack Horticultural Society. She enjoyed her gardens and corresponded with other flower growers from as far away as South Africa. She also painted china as an indoor hobby.

Pearl had a long career as a schoolteacher. She taught



*Pearl and Frank Akeroyd.*

at Websters' Corners, in Maple Ridge, Lotbiniere, East Chilliwack and Rosedale. In 1940 she returned to teaching at Cheam View for a number of years. An interesting situation developed many years later. Pearl Patterson's first school was Websters' Corners in Maple Ridge in 1920. In 1961, her granddaughter, Gail Patterson, started teaching in the same school and in the same room, with the original visitors' book.

## MR. AND MRS. W.H. ALLEN AND FAMILY

*by Mrs. Emily Allen*

William Henry Allen was born in Sussex, England, October 19, 1890. His father was a Master Butcher. Just in his early 20's when the first World War broke out, "Bill" enlisted in the British Army, serving in the Royal Sussex Regiment.

Following service in France and after demobilization, Bill emigrated to Canada, coming to the Rosedale area. He worked for several years for Joseph Brannick Jr. Besides land clearing, he became very adept at some of the first wooden box drain installations. Before sawn cedar was used, cedar would be split and laid for drainage channels. Bill showed many younger farmers the knack of removing the top sod and stacking it on one side of the ditch so that it could be replaced later with the grass side down to help prevent the infiltration of sand into the drainage channel.



*William Henry Allen*



*William and Emily Allen.*

## **THE ROBERT AMOS FAMILY**

*by Pearl (Amos) Wilson*

Alice and Robert George Amos moved from Guelph, Ontario to Vancouver in 1910. I was 2 years old. My dad worked with a team and wagon, hauling anything he could to make some money as well as doing carpentry. We lived first on 8th Ave., and later we bought two lots in Burnaby for \$850 each. I can remember there were lots of stumps and I had fun playing there, except when I

In the early 1930's Bill purchased twenty acres of land from George Millson and built a house and barn at what is now 9435 Ford Road. Here he developed a very well groomed and productive farm, shipping milk to the FVMPA. Bill was a member of Branch 4, Royal Canadian Legion of Chilliwack. In 1939 he married Mrs. Emily Blair, a widow with two children. Her daughter Norma, born in 1929, attended Rosedale Elementary School. She married Nicholas Couston and the couple were active Chilliwack business people. A son, Arthur Blair, born May 6th, 1927, attended Rosedale Elementary School until his tragic death by drowning in 1937.

Besides helping her husband with the farm and the garden, which was a model and very productive, Emily Allen worked in the filbert nut orchards and bean fields. She was well known as a very good reliable picker. For three or four years Bill Allen worked for the Department of Highways as a road maintenance man. Never losing his English accent he was known for his quick wit, and while he was often thought to be gruff with children, he was a very friendly and helpful neighbor. After 21 years on Ford Road, Bill and Emily moved to a smaller acreage on Yale East, just west of Upper Prairie Road. In 1966 he retired to live on Spadina Ave. in Chilliwack. Bill Allen passed away in 1973. Mrs. Emily Allen continues to live in Chilliwack.



*Pearl Amos, Mr. and Mrs. R.G. Amos, 1920's or '30.*

crawled through some sewer pipes and got my nice pink dress very dirty. We had company that day and I was shut in the bathroom and missed my lunch. My cousin crawled through the pipes too, but he wasn't punished. We built a new house in Burnaby and moved there in 1911.

In April, 1913 my dad built a one-room shack in the Chilliwack area on 20 acres that he bought from the Grigg farm on Yale Road East at Big Ditch Road (now called Upper Prairie Road). It was actually the deadend of McLeod Road. The house and barn which my dad built are still there. Then he traded the two lots in Burnaby for seven more acres from Mr. Grigg. Mr. and Mrs. Grigg both were drowned when the Empress of Ireland sank in the St. Lawrence on May 29, 1914.

In July, 1919 we sold our farm for \$11,000 and went back to Ontario. We had planned to stay there but we weren't there long before we decided to return to the Fraser Valley.

On January 15, 1920 we bought the Mark Edmondson farm of 21.90 acres on Camp Slough Road at Jespersen Road. It sold for \$5500 - the cows, pigs and chickens for another \$765. I can remember Mr. Watson was the real estate agent. When he took my dad to look at the place he said he would have to make up his mind right away as Mr. Edmondson might change his mind. So the deed was signed right then and there. Sure enough, next day Mr. Edmondson came out and said he had changed his mind, but it was too late. He was furious! We had so much bad luck the first year we lived there that we began to wonder if he had put a curse on the place. But after a lot of hard work digging, dynamiting and burning many stumps, things began to improve and we loved it there.

My dad built a new barn in 1929 (which burned down later) and a new house in 1931, which is still there. Dr. Preto, the current owner, has renovated it so you wouldn't recognize it. After we left the farm it was subdivided and there are now 3 more houses there.

In June 1925 we bought our first car. The thrill of it was the curtains you could draw when it was stormy. Before that I rode horseback or bicycle many times to Camp River Hall. Vera German (Andrews) lived next door and one night riding from her place (I had no light) I ran into a cow. I don't know who was the most scared, me or the cow.

We lived there from 1920 to 1943 and sold to Mr. and Mrs. Swerdfeger for \$9,800. My dad built over 100 silos in the valley and many houses. He was well known also for raising pigs and selling them as weaners.

I married Eddie Wilson on June 1941 and moved to Powell River for a year and then Eddie joined the army. Our family was increased by the addition of sons Brian and Barrie. After the war we moved back to Powell River but like my folks we were drawn back to the Fraser Valley and in 1947 we moved to 330 McSween Road. Like my folks we built a shack which later became our chicken house. We moved into our new house in 1953. My folks built a little house beside us and after 3 years on Maple Avenue spent the rest of their days there and were very happy. My mother died in 1957 and my father in 1964.

I have many happy memories of Camp Slough and exciting times. First electricity - December 1, 1938 and instead of candles on the Christmas tree we had electric

lights. What a thrill! I earned my first bike picking raspberries at Emerson's on Hope Slough Road. David Spencer's store opened November 4, 1925. I worked there for 8 years (1933-1941).

I attended the old school at Camp Slough and remember Mr. Muir and Miss Fetterly, my teachers. The old school was torn down and a new one built. On Sundays we would go to church and Sunday school at the little old church on the corner west of the school. Mr. Manuel, the minister, was mayor of Chilliwack at one time.

I sang in the choir and remember Edith (Edmondson) McPhee as a wonderful leader. Mrs. Sandy Munro was school superintendent. We had lots of fun and did many crazy things.

At school the girls played soccer with the boys. We wore boots with pointed toes and the boys would get so mad at us when we happened to kick them in the shins (never on purpose of course).

## BAXTER ANDERSON AND FAMILY

*by Laurie Anderson*

Baxter Bruce Anderson was born in Waverly, Ontario. With two of his brothers he left for the West around 1890, going first to Alberta where he worked in lumbering. He met Jessie Skinner, and they were married in Lacombe, Alberta, in 1896. In the early spring of 1898 Baxter, Jessie, and baby daughter Bessie arrived in Popkum, having travelled up the Fraser River from New



*Mrs. Jessie Anderson, Bess and Jess, Neil and Hugh. 1910-11.*

Westminster by a river steamer.

James, Baxter's brother, had come to Popkum in 1897 and obtained land, part of which is now the Muxlow farm. They cleared land and Baxter worked on building of the dyke. While they lived in Popkum two more children were born, Bruce and Jessie. It has been said that Anderson Creek was named after the Anderson brothers.

In 1903 the brothers sold the Popkum land. James went to Burnaby Lake. Baxter, with his family, moved to Rosedale where he bought land at 10484 and 10578 McGrath Road north, consisting of 43 acres south of Hope Slough and 14 acres on the north side. Baxter cleared his land and also cleared land for other settlers.

They had cows, chickens and geese, and grew navy beans. In the early days, butter and eggs could be traded for groceries at the store. Milk was sold to the Chilliwack Creamery and later to the FVMPA of which Baxter was an early member.

Four more children were born in Rosedale: Hugh (Joe), Neil, and the twins, May and Mabel. The Andersons attended the Rosedale Presbyterian Church.

In December 1912 Mrs. Anderson passed away, three days after giving birth to the twins. Mrs. Elliott took the twins, and then Mrs. W. Muirhead offered to take care of the twins until relatives took them four years later.

In 1920 Baxter returned to Ontario and married Mrs. Henrietta McMillan of Peterborough. Mrs. Anderson taught Sunday School in the Rosedale United Church.

Baxter passed away in 1948 and Mrs. Anderson in 1950. The farm was sold to Ernest Wilbourn in 1950.

Of the Baxter Anderson family, only Hugh remained in the home district. Bessie went to Vancouver, Jessie to Alberta (Ft. McLeod), Mabel to Vancouver, May to Ontario, and Bruce to Oakland, California. Neil was a logger in the vicinity of Alert Bay, Vancouver Island. He

is the only one now alive, and lives in Vernon.

Hugh was better known as Joe, a nickname conferred on him in his early years by Stinson Mercer, for reasons unknown. He worked on the Anderson farm, then went logging. He worked as a head brakeman on logging trains and drove logging trucks. He married Laurie Bailey in Vancouver in 1938. They have one son Bruce. At no time had he strayed far enough or long enough to change his mailing address from McGrath Road. He died in 1982.



*Hugh and Laurie Anderson.*



*Baxter and Henrietta Anderson.*



*Dorothy and Oscar Anderson.*

## OSCAR AND DOROTHY ANDERSON

*Ron Gray and F. Bryant*

Oscar Lenhart Anderson was born in 1891 and came to Popkum in 1916 with his stepfather Lars Peterson. His wife Dorothy Anderson was born Dorothy Shepherd of East Chilliwack in 1900, and died in 1974. She is buried in I.O.O.F. Cemetery, Chilliwack.

For many years the Andersons lived on a farm just where the creek crosses Popkum Road, at what is now 11001 Popkum Road. Oscar Anderson worked in the woods and for nearly 20 years was the foreman for the Western Canada Lime Plant, at Popkum. Dorothy Andersen was an accomplished pianist and accompanied many singers at local concerts.

## THE WILLIAM PENMAN ANDERSON FAMILY

*Fred Bryant after visit with Ira Anderson*

William "Willie" Anderson and his wife Flora arrived in Sardis, B.C. in 1903. In 1907 Willie took up a homestead of 160 acres in the Popkum area at the foot of the mountains and lying between the homesteads of Harry Mercer on the West and Alex Gray on the East. Access to the property was by a trail that is now Thompson Road.



*William Penman and Flora Monroe Anderson 1901.*



*Isobel, Mrs. Anderson, Gordon and Ira, 1915.*

Four children were born to Willie and Flora: Ira, 1910, living in Rimbey, Alberta; Gordon (nicknamed Pete) deceased; Isobel born in 1905 in Sardis, deceased; and Dot born in 1916 in Rosedale, deceased.

Willie Anderson worked in the woods and in clearing his homestead. In 1918 the family had eight cows milking and shipped milk and cream.

Ira recalls a reception at the Rosedale two-room school in 1918 for two veterans returning home. One of the men had only one arm and this impressed ten year old Ira.

At the end of the war the farm was rented to Ace Bond and the family moved to Saskatchewan where Willie died. In 1924 the widow Flora, with the children, returned to the Popkum homestead and in 1926 Flora married Ace Bond.

Ira recalls Ace Bond picking up milk from Jim Dougherty and other local farmers by horse and wagon and delivering it to Rosedale to the CNR Station. Later there was a central pick-up stand for hauling to Chilliwack Creamery or Sardis Utility Plant.

Ira recalls that his mother gave supper to Billy Miner, the train robber, the night before Miner pulled off his famous train robbery in Agassiz. Ira remembers the stories told by Miner to himself and his brothers and sisters.

In 1911 the Willie Anderson family lived in the house at 51495 Old Yale while getting the homestead place ready to move into.

Ira verified that there was a Mill Pond at that location in the Hope Slough where logs were dumped into the water, after being hauled there by team and wagon or sleigh. Their neighbours were Joe Hamilton and Charlie McCormick.



?, Mrs. Anderson, Dot, Isobel, Ira, ?, Gordon, ?, March 1926!

## J.J. ANDREWS FAMILY

by Jack and Vera Andrews

J.J. "Jack" Andrews came to this area in 1930 from Courtenay, B.C. In 1934 he purchased 20 acres at 559 Camp River Road, now 48550, from Mrs. Lamberton. In 1935 Jack married Vera German, a schoolteacher and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold German.

Three children were born to this family: daughters Barbara and Mary, and son Eric.



Jack and Vera Andrews (right), Fred Jespersen and Beth Gill (left), 1935.

For a number of years Jack served as a milk tester with the B.C. Cow Testing Association and became well-known on many of the farms of the District.

He operated a small dairy farm, but was most active as a poultry producer. His work as a milk tester sparked his interest in the genetic improvement of dairy cattle, and he

supported the Milking Derby at the Chilliwack Fair for many years. Of greater importance was his interest in the Artificial Insemination of cattle, which made it possible for the small breeder to get the advantage of sires with genetically higher capabilities. The first Bull Farm was built on the Andrews farm for the housing of sires of several dairy breeds: - Holstein, Guernsey and Jersey. This was a period of much experimentation and many interesting developments took place in those early years. The Chilliwack Artificial Insemination Centre was formed, and as the service became more popular and growing, the Club moved to premises on Kent Road. Jack Andrews raised a small number of swine, and was 4-H Swine and Poultry Club Leader for six years.

Jack Andrews served on the Directorate of the Chilliwack Agriculture Society for many years, and was its president from 1970 to 1972. Mr. and Mrs. Andrews are now Life Members of the Society in recognition of their many years of work with the Annual Chilliwack Exhibition.

In 1952, Mr. and Mrs. Andrews sold the farm to Mr. A. Spoor and moved to 47375 Fairfield Rd., where he had a custom hatching business and a large egg production unit.

Jack continued his interest in the Community, and served for a number of years as the President of the B.C. Egg Producers Marketing Board before retiring in 1969. He served as a member of the Township of Chilliwack Municipal Council for a total of seven years.

Mrs. Andrews acted as a leader of the 4-H Clothing Club from the late 50's to 1960. Vera Andrews maintained her parent's keen interest in Horticulture and still maintains a large vegetable and flower garden. In their retirement years both Jack and Vera are still involved, serving in the Chilliwack Senior Recreation Centre Society.

## W.H. ANNIS

by Roy Annis

William Henry Annis was born in 1869 in Oshawa, Ontario. In 1889, he married Mary Ann Jones and moved to Bradley, South Dakota, where he farmed. One son and two daughters were born there - William Stanley, Helen Mable, and Elsie Maud, but Mr. Annis decided it was too cold to raise a family there. In 1900 he came west to New Westminster. There he got acquainted with Alex McKenzie, (who lived on Yale Road East at Banford Road), who advised him to move to Chilliwack, which they did in 1901.

Mr. Annis farmed for several years on the Banford Road before purchasing 160 acres on the end of Snider Road (later to be re-named Annis Road) near the corner of Prairie Central. In 1906, he had cleared some of the land and built a barn, and added on to the house. He sold logs to Brett's Mill nearby on Prairie Central Road. This mill was later the Patterson-Eckert Mill and then was again purchased by the Bretts.

In 1912 and 1913, he shipped a complete carload of cabbages to New Westminster, as well as turnips and potatoes on the CNR. Also in 1913, he made a trip back



*Mr. and Mrs. William Henry Annis.*

to Oshawa and brought back a carload of purebred Holsteins - one of the first in the area.

During the years 1915-1918, Mr. Annis served as Municipal Councillor with Jack McCutcheon and Bob Mercer, under Reeve Jack McLeod and Reeve William Wells. At that time the Municipal Clerk, Charles Webb, owned the only car in the Valley.

Mr. Annis' first car was a 1922 Model T Ford. His first radio was a 1926 battery model. His second car was a 1926 McLaughlin-Buick Touring model. As a boy, growing up in Oshawa, he had gone to school and had been good friends with the McLaughlin brothers who later went into the carriage business and later still into car production.

In 1920, while training for a nurse, daughter Elsie contracted tuberculosis, which was quite a shock to the family. She spent some time in the Sanitorium in Tranquille, but death claimed her in 1926. During that time there were many cases of tuberculosis in the Valley, resulting in the testing of all dairy herds for the disease. Some farmers lost valuable animals which had to be destroyed. This was quite a setback for them as times were tough for farmers in those years.

Mr. Annis was one of the early supporters of the Fraser Valley Milk Producers Association. He was also very active in the East Chilliwack United Church.

He loved his family and friends and mixed easily with young people. During that time the winters were cold and there was lots of snow. He was instrumental in personally

constructing several toboggans of maple wood for his grandchildren and their friends, so they could slide down the hill behind his home. The bonfires on top attracted many from the area, and word was soon out as far as Chilliwack.

The family consisted of one son and three daughters: William Stanley, Helen Mable, Elsie Maud, and Hazel Mary.

Stanley Annis farmed nearby on the Annis Road.

Helen married Robert Charles Johnston and they farmed on the Chilliwack Central Road on the corner of Ford Road.

Elsie married C.A. (Bert) Edmondson. He was well-known in the area, and worked as a heavy duty mechanic for the Campbell River Logging in the Chilliwack River Valley. It was later known as Vedder Logging. Several years after his wife's death, Bert married Margaret Risk. She had come out from Ontario to live with her father, Gibson Risk, and his small son. They also lived on the Annis Road for many years.

Hazel Annis became a nurse. She lived at home to look after her mother who was sick for some time before she passed away in 1934. Hazel married Angus Bersen who was a Beatly representative in the Valley. They lived in Vancouver, later operating a furniture store. Upon Mr. Bersen's death, Hazel moved back to Chilliwack where she nursed for several years.

Mr. Annis sold his farm to Bill and Peggy Clare in the early 1940's. He enjoyed good health and loved to visit his grandchildren many of whom lived in Chilliwack.

In 1947 "Grandpa" Annis started an annual family picnic, as there was a new generation of great grandchildren after the War. This tradition has been carried on every year and in 1987 there will be a 40th "Annis Picnic", with lots of new Grandpas.

Mr. Annis spent his last few years with his daughter Hazel, in Chilliwack. He passed away in 1957 at the age of 88.

After that time Hazel looked after and kept house for Fred Sinclair, an engineer who worked on the Sumas Reclamation Project. After his death, Hazel married Frank Akeroyd in 1964. He was an old friend and had been a neighbour on Annis Road. They lived on Chilliwack Central Road. Hazel passed away in 1966.

## WILLIAM STANLEY ANNIS

*by Roy Annis*

Stanley Annis was born in Bradley, South Dakota in 1890. He came with his family in 1900, and lived on the Banford Road before moving to Annis Road in 1906.

He married Clara Ethel Parker in 1913. She was the second daughter of John and Mary Parker, who lived in a log house which stood where Elk Creek now crosses Highway 401.

Stanley Annis farmed 30 acres on the southeast corner of Annis Road and the Highway. They raised Holsteins, sold the cream and fed skim milk to the pigs. He had the first milk route on the Annis and Prairie Central Roads, picking up the milk with team and wagon and hauling it to the Creamery - later the Fraser Valley Milk Producers

Association. Later he bought a chain drive truck. His wife, Clara, helped by picking up milk on the side roads using a horse and democrat.

In 1918, there was a bad ice storm in the Valley. The family moved to town for a short time where Stanley was working with his truck for the B.C. Electric, to haul crews and poles during the time of the emergency.

As the family grew, Stanley Annis was very active in the Community. He served as Municipal Councillor from 1932-1945. As a Councillor, he was a representative on the Hospital Board, and was instrumental in the planning of an Old Folks Home - now Valleyhaven. He was prominently connected with the Cow Testing Association and Dairyman's Association. He was active with the Chilliwack Exhibition. His busy life was ended abruptly in a car accident in 1945, which was indeed a great loss to the whole community.

After the accident, Clara moved to Chilliwack, where she lived for several years. In 1949, she married William Chaytor, who resided on Gibson Road. She passed away in 1966.

Stanley and Clara Annis raised five sons and one daughter: William Archibald, Frank Raymond, Roy Elliot, Mary Merle, Cecil Eugene, and Walter Grahame.

## FRANK RAYMOND ANNIS

*by Roy Annis*

Ray grew up on the home farm on the Annis Road. Like his grandfather, W.H. Annis, he was good with animals, especially horses. In 1935, he went with a judging team of Junior Farmers to judge swine at the Royal Winter Fair in Toronto. The Junior Farmers were a fore-runner of what is now the 4-H Club. At that time, there was no Holstein Calf Club, so Ray joined the Swine Club.

For several years, Ray managed the farm of Mrs. Sally Tope, who lived across the road, and whose husband had been killed in an accident. He then worked at Colony Farm at Essondale, now Riverview. Here he met Iris Wilson, who was a nurse.

After their marriage in 1940, they lived in Telkwa, where Ray was employed at the Experimental Station. In 1945, following the accidental death of his father, Ray and Iris moved to the family farm on Annis Road. In 1955, they moved to Quesnel.

Their family consisted of three sons and one daughter.

## THE ARCHIBALD FAMILY

*by Marjorie (Archibald) Drew*

My father, Edgar Archibald came to Rosedale in 1910 from Middle Musquodoboit, N.S. where he ran a general store and where all of us children were born. Heeding the call of the West, my two older brothers, Harry and Doug, had left Nova Scotia a couple of years previously and had persuaded Dad that the West was a land of opportunity, so in his middle age he pulled up stakes and came to B.C. His first location was Rosedale where he and the two sons purchased the store owned by Charles and Elgin Munro.



*Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Archibald.*

Mother, my brothers, Earle (13), Don (1 year), and I, Marjorie (9), followed the next year by CPR. I still recall our awe at the wonderful scenery and the scary passes through the Rockies. We lived for some years in what was then known as the Christie house just north across the bridge on McGrath Road. In 1924, John Martin contracted to build my parent's new home at 51391 Yale Road. Reg Henderson has enjoyed living in this fine old home and has taken excellent care of the house and grounds for some years now, (1988). By that time Harry had moved to Grande Prairie, Alberta, and Doug to Columbus, Ohio. Earle and Don had taken their places in the store and Earle lived directly south of the store with his wife, Clara (Peterson). Dad died in 1939. Mother lived until she was 94 and passed away in 1959. Don, the youngest member of the family, succumbed to a fatal heart attack in 1963.



*Earle Archibald, 1926.*



*Don Archibald, about 22 years old.*

I had left Rosedale for good in 1924 when I married Roger Drew who was a rancher south of Kamloops where I taught school. Mother and Dad both loved the West and Rosedale, and I can still remember Mother extolling the beauty of the mountains and the beautiful sunsets reflected on the snowy peaks of Mt. Cheam and surrounding mountains. My parents continued with their former church interests. Dad served as Choir leader for many years and he and his enthusiastic group of members made beautiful music. That early choir included: Lou (Braithwaite) Ryder, Dot (Braithwaite) Boule, Mrs. Cornish (Reg Henderson's mother), Mrs. MacAlpine, the Bennett sisters, Mr. Roddis, Reg Bryant and my mother and father. There were many other ones over the years but these I remember from my early times there. My sister, Ida (Archibald) Higgins had settled in Rosedale and was the church organist for several years, Mother taught the "True Blue" class of young people in the Sunday School years. We were a large, happy group. In her later years she taught the Senior Bible Class.

In time, Earle sold out his interest in the store to Don, and he and Clara built a new home and Post Office right across the street from the store, where he served as Postmaster until his retirement. Their only child, Ronald, was lost in one of the first large air raids over Europe. He had gone to England and enlisted in the RAF.

Rosedale has always had a very warm place in my heart and I have many happy memories of my early life there. I am now the sole survivor of our immediate family of six brothers and one sister.

Several episodes stand out in my memories. On one occasion when Roger and I were visiting Mother and Dad, and late one night, or early a.m. the phone rang. It was Clara calling to tell the folks that the store was being broken into. Earle had heard the commotion in the back of the store which was right beside the home they oc-

cupied at that time. He grabbed two hand-guns and left to investigate. Clara had also phoned the police at Chilliwack, who came at once, but by the time they arrived, Earle had shot a hole through the windshield of the bandits' truck, and winged one of them. The robbers ran north and disappeared in the vicinity of the bridge with Earle in hot pursuit. For some time afterwards Earle was known as "Two-Gun-Archibald". I might add that this was the latest of several break-ins and Earle's patience had worn thin. Roger had gone down to the store and offered to accompany Staff-Sergeant King as they combed the territory trying to locate the thieves. The men finally ended up at the Chilliwack Police Headquarters and the men on duty there, seeing Roger in the police car with King said, "Oh, so you got one of them, eh!" That was a standing joke in the family and Roger never did live it down! Some time afterwards the criminals were apprehended and the police discovered quite a cache of stolen goods.

I wonder how many are left who remember the baseball team and the ball games against East Chilliwack, Hope, Agassiz and Chilliwack, at the ball diamond just east of the village. I was still in elementary school and I used to yell myself hoarse at those games. Rosedale had good players like Noble Ryder, Harry and Warren Cameron, Hughie Laughlin, the school teacher, Bert Thompson and Tommy Inions. I still watch baseball on T.V. but I do not get nearly as excited as I did in those days long ago in Rosedale.



*Mrs. Marion Archibald on her 80th birthday*



*Earle and Ronnie Archibald.*

## EARLE AND CLARA ARCHIBALD

*by Laurie Anderson*

Earle was the third son of the Edgar Archibald's. I remember Earle telling me of working on the construction of the Elementary school in 1914 and of working on the cupola when word was received of the First World War. Earle enlisted and on his return, worked in the store with his father, later Don joined them. Earle married Clara Peterson. They lived in the house behind the store. They had one son Ronnie, who grew up in Rosedale, attending the Elementary School and Chilliwack High School. Ronnie joined the R.A.F. in 1939 and was killed in action in 1942. Through the efforts of the Rosedale Athletic Club, Mt. Archibald, west of Mt. Cheam, overlooking Rosedale, was named for Ronnie in 1985.

Earle followed in his father's footsteps and on his father's retirement as Post Master, a position he held from Sept. 4, 1919 to Nov. 29, 1939; Earl became Post Master on Dec. 6, 1939 until April 8, 1960. In 1940 Earle and Don built a new store on the site of the old store. In 1949 Don took complete ownership of the store and Earle continued as Post Master. A new home was built at 57279 Yale Rd. with the Post Office attached.

Both Earle and Clara were good community workers. Earle was interested in wood work, in their new home he did all the inside finishing of the house. Earle and Clara



*Ronnie with "Jigsie".*

enjoyed gardening. A lot of people will remember the display of Christmas lights every Christmas. In 1966 Earle retired as Post Master. In 1970, due to ill health they sold their home to John and Ruby Love and moved to Chilliwack. Earle passed away in 1974, Clara in 1980. They are buried in the Legion Cemetery, Chilliwack, B.C.



*Amelia Peterson and Clara Archibald, 1945.*



*Mr. and Mrs. Cyrenus Armitage.*

## CLARENCE ALBERT ARMITAGE

*as told by Hazel (Armitage) Osborne*

Clarence Albert Armitage was born in Plumas, Manitoba in 1897. He was one of five children born to Cyrenus and Willamena Armitage. He had two sisters, Edna and Laura, and two brothers, Elwin and Fred. The parents moved to Rosedale in 1920.

Clarence married Blanche Lorraine Knapper on April 9, 1917 in Sweetgrass, Montana. Blanche was born in 1899 in Minneapolis, Minnesota. While they were living in the Milk River area, Clarence was a car salesman and sold the first car to ever be driven in that area. In his spare time he participated in the Rodeo Circuit as a bronco rider.

Clarence and his family moved to Rosedale in 1935 to be with his parents who had a small farm with milk goats on Old Yale Road. Their only way of travel was by horse and buggy. They were members of the Rosedale United Church.

Clarence bought a farm on Nevin Road where he and Blanche lived for many years. They had four children, Hazel Edna born in Taber, Alberta in 1919, Charlie Albert born in 1921 and Richard Dwayne born in 1931 both in Lethbridge, Alberta, and Robert Keith born in 1940 in Chilliwack.

Clarence served in World War II in the Armoured Corps Division for two years.

I (Hazel) married Benjamin Osborne in 1939 in Chilliwack, B.C. We had two children, Donna Marie and Marvin Clarence, who were both born in Chilliwack. Donna married Tom Phelan in 1959 in Rosedale. They now have three children, Connie, Terri and Darren along with three grandchildren. Donna and Tom and their family are still living in Rosedale. Marvin married Delores Massie of Chilliwack in 1966. They have one daughter, Tamara who was born in Chilliwack. When we left Rosedale in 1967 to live in Invermere, B.C., Marvin, Delores and Tamara moved with us.

Charlie married Yvonne Miller in 1943 in Rosedale. They have three children, Gary, Weldon and Diane, and



*Mrs. Blanche Armitage, Cyrenus Armitage, Mrs. Cyrenus Armitage, Clarence Armitage with baby, Bob. Seated: Mrs. Hazel Osborne and baby, Donna.*

five grandchildren.

Richard lived most of his life in Rosedale. He died in 1977 in Invermere, B.C.

Robert married Maureen Hensen in 1962 in Bellingham, Washington. They have three children, Raymond, Brian and Rachel and are all living in Armstrong, B.C.

When they sold the farm, Clarence and Blanche purchased a garage and motel in Sardis. They left in 1969 and moved to Invermere, B.C., to be near their daughter. They later moved again to Coutts, Alberta, where Clarence suffered a stroke and died in 1974. Blanche later returned to Chilliwack where she died in 1981.



*Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Armitage, 50th Wedding Anniversary.*



*May and Joe Armstrong, 1950 in Princeton.*

## **JOSEPH GEORGE (JOE) AND ALICE (MAY) ARMSTRONG**

*submitted by May Armstrong*

Joe was born in North Ireland, coming to Canada with his parents in the spring of 1926. They settled near Moosomin, Saskatchewan, where his father took up farming. Joe was still in school at this time. He remembers walking daily two miles to school. A journey that was even more difficult in winter when he had to wade through deep snow early enough to get the fire lit and the one room school warm before the teacher and the rest of the pupils arrived.

A few years later he met and married May Dunn, who had lived and went to school in the Moosomin area.

We lived near there for awhile, then moved near Brandon, Manitoba trying to get away from drought and grasshoppers. In January, 1942 we decided to come to British Columbia. We came with our four children by CPR to Agassiz, then by bus to Chilliwack.

We lived in Chilliwack for about a year and a half, then moved to 10717 MacGrath Rd. North. In June, 1945 we bought a house on 51495 Old Yale Road, and moved there. The first place Joe worked when he came to British Columbia was Eddy's Nursery for 27 cents an hour! Carrying shrubs and trees through rain and mud didn't appeal to Joe so he stayed there only a few days. He then tried B.C. Hop Yards for 37 cents an hour. He stayed there for only a short time as well. Next he went to the milk plant working on the receiving line, but the cement floor proved too hard for his feet and legs.

After a time he got a job with the Mowhawk Logging Company hauling and scaling logs. Through the years he worked for different logging companies and Ben McGrath as a truck driver.

George and Joyce started school at the Strathcona School on Fairfield Island, then transferred to Rosedale Elementary when the family moved. Russell, Ruth and Dawn went to Rosedale school when they came of age. All members of the family attended the Pentecostal Church in Rosedale.

George married Lorraine Selfe, Joyce married Del



*George, Ruth, Dawn, Joyce, and Russell Armstrong.*

Fisher, Russell married Jean McLachlan, Ruth married Dennis Pomeranz, and Dawn married Ray Croker. The boys both live in the Rosedale area and are truck drivers. The girls live in different parts of Alberta.



*Alex Arthur*

## **THE ARTHUR FAMILY**

*by Verda (Darling) Leakey*

In 1928, Alex and Mary Arthur, with their one son Alex (Sandy), left their home in Peterhead, Scotland. They settled in Rosedale on Willbourn Road. They

farmed there and later on McGrath Road, before taking over the David Hill farm on the corner of McGrath and Camp River Roads. Alex and Mary were well-known in Rosedale's bottled milk delivery service for many years. They were active members of the Caledonian Society. Mary died suddenly in 1947.

Sandy married a widow, Mrs. Peggy Bruce who had a son Henry. His stepson Henry and his daughter Margaret both live in Vancouver. Sandy passed away in 1961 at Whitehorse.

Alex moved to McNaught Road, Chilliwack in 1960. In 1963 he married Margaret Mercer. She later died. In 1984 Alex passed away.

## THE AVERY FAMILY

*by Bessie Avery*

William Francis Avery was born July 11, 1884 in Plymouth, England, and came to Canada in 1907 to work in Toronto. He returned to Plymouth in 1909 and married Amy Florence Knowles of Exton near Exeter Devon, England. A daughter, Amy Bessie was born in October, 1910 in Plymouth.

William returned to Canada in 1913 and at this time went to Vancouver working as a plasterer. His wife and daughter came to Vancouver in March 1914.

A son Frances (Frank) William was born in November 1915. William Avery joined the Candian army, and the family moved to Prince Rupert where he was stationed. Returning to Vancouver at the end of the WWI, William worked for a time for a ship-building firm in North Vancouver. In 1920, after being seriously ill with influenza and spending a holiday at Rosedale with the Knowles family, (George Knowles being a brother of Amy), he decided to buy the 10 acres next to the Knowles farm, and the family moved there in the spring of 1920.

They lived on this small farm until July 1925, then sold and moved back to Vancouver. In November of that year they returned to England and settled in Plymouth.

William worked first as a plasterer, then set up his own business as a builder continuing in this until the WW2 when he was engaged with local air raid precautions. He died in 1948.

Frank attended school and grew up in Plymouth and served in the British Army in Europe during WW2. He is not married.

Bessie married a soldier in the regular army and travelled with her husband, - they had two sons and two daughters. She is now a widow and she and Frank have made their homes in Plymouth.

Mrs. Avery died in 1980, a few weeks before her 94th birthday.

## SAM BARKLEY AND FAMILY

*information from Wilbur Barkley*

Samuel A. Barkley was born in Finch, eastern Ontario, in 1874. He came to the Chilliwack area in 1901, and was employed in the Sam Trethewey sawmill on Castleman Road in 1908. He married Millie Kelley, daughter of a family who lived also on Castleman Road, and when the sawmill ceased operation they settled on a farm of 35



*Mrs. Eliza Kelly (1844 - 1928).*

*Below: Samuel and Millie Barkley with family: Herman, Beatrice, Stanley and Wilbur (about 1914).*



acres in the vicinity of Castleman and McLeod Roads. They had a family of three sons and one daughter: Herman born in 1904; Beatrice, 1905; Stanley, 1908; and Wilbur, 1910.

The parents and Herman remained in the Chilliwack area until their deaths, Sam in 1946, Millie in 1968, and Herman in 1979.

Beatrice (Barkley) Forester lived in Longview, Washington. She died in 1985 leaving one daughter. Stanley lived in Sidney for 25 years. He died in 1978, leaving one son. Wilbur, the one surviving family member who lives in Victoria.

## HENRY AND EVELYN BARR

*by Hazel (Barr) Hayes*

Henry Barr was born in Subenacadie, N.S. and came to B.C. with Dan MacIntosh in the early 1900's. They worked in Lumby, B.C. for a time before coming to the Rosedale area where they rented a farm on Upper Prairie Road.

Henry met and married Evelyn who was a daughter of Adam Johnston. Evelyn was born in Morden, Manitoba and had come to the area with her family in 1905.

There were four girls born to the couple: Edna and Hazel (twins) in 1916, followed by Doreen and Eileen. The girls were all born in the home on Upper Prairie Road.

Evelyn passed away in 1922 and Henry did not remarry. The girls were cared for by their grandmother for several years.

Henry bought a farm at Annis and Chilliwack Central Road about 1924. He lived on this farm until his death in 1941.

Edna passed away in March, 1971.

Doreen (Mrs. Munro), widowed in 1986, lives in Nanaimo, B.C. She has four children.

Eileen (Mrs. Rucks) lives in Medicine Hat, Alberta.

Hazel (Mrs. Dennis Hayes) was married in 1939, became a widow in 1976, and now lives in Chilliwack, B.C. There is one daughter, Marilyn Cooper, who lives in Chilliwack. Marilyn's husband, Arthur Cooper, is a son of Tom Cooper and grew up in the Camp Slough area.

## THE BARROW BROTHERS

*by Fred Bryant*

It is not generally known that the Barrow family whose members played such a major part in the political life and agricultural development of the Fraser River Valley first settled in the Camp River area.

Two brothers, Edward *Dodsley* Barrow 1867-1956, and Albert Barrow 1860-1931 emigrated from Ringwood, Hampshire, England to Canada in the early 1890's. Albert Barrow farmed for some years in the Gill Road area.

Dodsley Barrow farmed at 48975 Camp River Road. (a property he named "The Cedars" when he acquired it in 1896). It was while residing here that, in 1916, Mr. Barrow, as Liberal candidate, was elected to the

Provincial Legislature.

E.D. Barrow and his first wife Millicent Emily Knight Whittle had two daughters, Dorothy 1897-1981, and Hilda 1907-1963. Mrs. Barrow died in Victoria in February, 1922 and is buried in the Ross Bay Cemetery there.

Hilda Barrow was a nurse and in later years, she returned to Chilliwack to assist her sister Dorothy who kept house for their father.

Hon. E.D. Barrow, while Minister of Agriculture (1918-1928) was responsible for much of the planning and implementing of the drainage of Sumas Lake, completed in 1924. It was in 1928 that he and his family left Camp River to relocate just this side of the Vedder Canal, on some of the large acreage that he had worked to reclaim.

E.D. Barrow married in April 1928, a widow, Mrs. Ralphia Weir Stitt McLean of Nakusp, B.C. The community was saddened when, in 1934, Mrs. Ralphia Barrow died while the couple were on an extended holiday in England.

Albert Barrow, a bachelor all his life, died in 1931.

E.D. Barrow had a distinguished career as a farmer, Councillor, School Board member, an organizer and executive officer of the Fraser Valley Milk Producers, and in the provincial government. He was honoured in 1953 with Chilliwack's first "Citizen to be Recognized" award.

## THE BARTINDALES IN ROSEDALE

*from the Memoirs of Vina J. Bartindale  
by Naomi (Bartindale) Walsh*

Percy Bartindale and Vina J. Bradwin (1901-1988) were married in 1929 and came to Rosedale from Sardis in 1931. With high hopes they made a down payment on a 40 acre farm and prepared to make a fortune selling milk, pigs and produce. Little did they know that the great depression was just around the corner and how it would alter their style of living.

Now to continue with the memoirs:-

The farm at 51440 Nevin Road, was the historic Nevin



*Percy and Vina Bartindale, 1979. 50th Wedding Anniversary.*

place. The old house, with its circular staircase, was sound, but in poor condition. We spent hours cleaning, papering the rooms and generally making it livable. The heating arrangements were very primitive - a tin heater in the front room and a coal and wood cookstove in the kitchen. Lamps and lanterns were the order of the day. There was an outside toilet in the attached garage at the back. When our famous east winds began to blow in winter, the kettle on the stove would have a block of ice in it when we got up in the morning. We had a washing machine which was operated by pulling a handle back and forth until the clothes were clean - then it was a hand wringer and tubs of rinsing and blueing water to complete the job.

We seemed to take all these inconveniences and discomforts in our stride and never hoped for the luxuries which today's youth take for granted when they start out. The depression hit us full force very soon after we had moved to Rosedale. Men were out of work everywhere. We had frequent callers from the railroad nearby, where men had ridden the rods from elsewhere and were in need of a good meal.

One very personable Australian, whom my stepfather picked up one Sunday, stayed with us for about a month, helping with chores for his board. I washed and mended his clothes and he became like one of the family. One evening he saw me sorting out \$10.00 in bills, pinning them to slips of paper to pay accounts in town the next day. Unthinkingly, I left these on the table overnight. In the morning he was gone and so was the money. Only the pins were left, sticking in the pieces of paper where I had made my notes. The loss was disastrous! We wondered how we would ever make it up. Then the phone rang. It was Bill Robertson, who was principal of the school at the time. He had a cold and was all off colour - would I substitute for him for a day or two? I put in three days at \$3.00 per day, so we were saved again. For a long time we felt that this man would get on his feet and send the money back, but it never happened. The blow to our faith in humanity was worse than the money problem.

All our neighbours suffered through the depression like ourselves. We made clothes out of flour sacks, mended and patched everything and simply did without whatever we couldn't afford. We sold six-week old weaner pigs for 75 cents each and other things at equally disastrous prices. The new Model A Ford - a luxury car in those days - which we had bought for \$1,000.00, we put up on blocks in the garage, as we were unable to buy gas. At the end of two years, we sold it for \$100.00.

Yet we had a good time, with many nice neighbours, doing things which didn't cost money, for none of us had any. After a futile struggle to get out from under, we finally gave up the farm, and, with the money from the sale of livestock and implements, we bought a small store in Rosedale. Along with the store, we purchased the lot next to it which had a broken down old building on it. This gave us acreage in a V shape right out to the convergence of Yale Road and Muirhead Street. In time we tore down the old building, and using the lumber from it, built a small house for rental on the back of the property. After the clean-up of junk, we planted the corner to lawn, flower beds and trees. Before long it became a

beautiful little park, which eventually sold the place.

The store was long and narrow, stocking the usual line of "after six" items, such food stuff as bread, canned goods, ice cream, candies, tobacco and so on. The profits were indeed small, but we did quite a good business in lunches and hot meals. Our living quarters were at the back of the store so we were always around. Percy got work on a nearby farm so we eked out a living. It was still depression time so we had to keep on doing fun things which didn't cost much. The Moss family who lived down at Camp Slough, came up with an operetta called "The King of Sherwood" and this got us started in the theatrical world. Amazing how much talent was found in small places!

George Moss was a clever and witty man, just the one to make things come alive. His wife and two girls made all the costumes for "Robin Hood and his men" out of long underwear and burlap sacks dyed green and trimmed with brown. We used chicken feathers to adorn their cocked hats. Eva Cartmell, a very good pianist, played the score. Rev. George Turpin, of the United Church, was Friar Tuck. I can still see him rolling on the floor in mirth. He later became the Padre at Shaughnessy Hospital, for many years; truly a wonderful man!

Our store was directly opposite the community hall, so it was a good place to practise. Our living room was long and reasonably large. We would move all the chairs out into the back shed, unscrew the legs from the table, and put it out there too; then we were off. We literally wore all the pattern off our linoleum dancing and acting. One play led to another. We also did "Tulip Time" and "Old Vienna", both highly successful. Practically all the young people of Rosedale and vicinity were in these plays, either as the chief characters, or in the choruses. We presented them first in Rosedale to an overflow crowd, then travelled all around the valley to the various halls, finally coming back to Rosedale for a final performance followed by a dance. We made enough money to pay our own expenses and furnish a ward in the hospital.

Somewhere we fitted in a Junior Choir which sang in the Church and did a number of children's plays. Joey Ward, a little boy of 10, with the voice of an angel, was Cinderella's father in one of our plays. He later used his credits from the navy to go to the Toronto Conservatory of Music. He became a tenor soloist in big choirs and later a teacher and band leader. After 25 years I was to meet him at summer school in Toronto, and we have been in touch ever since. He always declares that I gave him his start in music - one small star in my crown. Those were great days, full of fun and friendships.

In 1939, World War II broke out and men were called up to the army, navy and air force. I suddenly got the idea that, if I applied, I might get work in the Bank of Commerce again. When I wrote to the main office in Vancouver, I received an immediate reply telling me to come at once, that work was waiting. It was hardly what I had planned for, as I hoped to be placed in Chilliwack, but the opportunity was too good to miss. Percy stayed behind and ran the store and we were off to Utopia!

I had hardly begun my new career when, after 11 years of marriage, I discovered I was pregnant, long after we had given up hope of ever having a family. To say the

least, I was flabbergasted, mostly because I had planned to be the breadwinner and provider for several years to come. When I confided this to the doctor he said, "Oh, never mind, dear, this little job will keep you busy for the next 20 years". How right he was!

However, I stayed with the bank job for five months, came back to Rosedale, but returned to Vancouver to have Naomi, who was born in St. Paul's Hospital, June 15, 1940. The events of the war, dramatic as they were, faded to insignificance with the arrival of a daughter whom we welcomed with the greatest of joy.

All this altered the scheme of things, and once again roles were reversed. I stayed with the store and Percy found work at Cultus Lake. When the New Year started (1941), the army had moved into the camp at Vedder Crossing, living in tents, in the mud. The overflow began to move to Cultus Lake, looking for housing for their families. Percy was kept on for various jobs and so began our next experience - living and working in Cultus Lake for the next 35 years.

Percy Bartindale passed away in 1980 and Vina Bartindale in 1988. They are survived by their daughter Naomi and her husband Alan Walsh, two grandchildren, Patrick Rafferty and Carol Hyska. There are two great-grandchildren, Misty and Lorissa Rafferty, all of whom now live in the greater Vancouver area.

## THOMAS BARTLETT AND FAMILY

*by C. Ryder and L. Anderson*

Records of the Gibson family of Cheam show that the Bartlett family came with the Gibsons to the Cheam area in 1876. It is stated that there were nine Bartletts not including the oldest son Charles who was accompanied by his wife, born Margaret Ann Gibson, daughter of John Gibson of Lucknow, whom he had married in 1871, and their young son. In the B.C. Directory of 1887, Thomas Bartlett is listed with occupation "farmers' store and hotel", and Charles as "hotel keeper". The hotel location is not known.

Thomas Bartlett (1810-1894) had homesteaded in Ontario near Lucknow. His first wife, Margaret, is buried at Lucknow. His second wife, Eleanor Graham (1841-1909) was from the same family as Mrs. John Gibson. The Bartlett family, listed as one household in the 1891 census, with dates of birth, were: Margaret, 1865; Elizabeth, 1867; Beattie, 1870; James, 1872; Eleanor, 1874; and Thomas, 1877.

The B.C. Directory of 1882 lists Miss L.J. Bartlett, occupation milliner, apparently living apart from the family. This is understood to refer to an older daughter, Libby.

Beattie Bartlett married Katie Stevenson, daughter of Chilliwack builder Maxwell Stevenson Sr., in 1891. Max Stevenson Jr. married Eleanor Bartlett, and there were thus interlocking marriages between the Bartlett and Stevenson families. Elizabeth Bartlett married Arthur Innes in 1891 (see Innes family account). From Gibson family records, a Mrs. Calkin is listed as a Bartlett daughter, and it is assumed that this was the married name of Margaret.

Libby Bartlett married Douglas C. Christie who took over the Rosedale blacksmithing business in 1908. This couple owned a residence in Rosedale beyond 1940, although living part-time in Washington.

Thomas Bartlett died at Cheam in June 1894 and was buried in the Mount Shannon Cemetery above the flood waters which were cresting at that time.

Sometime before 1900 Mrs. Eleanor Bartlett moved to Rosedale with her sons James and Thomas, joined shortly after by Beattie Bartlett and family. Jointly they owned at least 100 acres in District Lot 467, purchased from Isaac and Robert Hamilton. The two homes are still standing (1987) at 51233 Castleman and 10483 McGrath roads. In 1903 James Bartlett married Mrs. Lottie Renno. According to the report in the *Chilliwack Progress* 175 guests were all served in the home. It is interesting to ponder how their horse-drawn transport was accommodated. James and his wife did not remain in the community.

Thomas Bartlett Jr. managed a store and post office on the east side of McGrath Road at Castleman. There are conflicting reports of ownership by A.C. Henderson and Muirhead brothers. In 1906 A.C. Henderson constructed a new store at the Yale and McGrath cross-roads and sold it a few months after completion to T.G. Bartlett who operated it in partnership with his brother Beattie. Following Tommy's early death in 1908 at age 30, the business was sold to brothers Charles and Elgin Munro in 1910. The Bartletts were postmasters from 1902 to 1910.

Eleanor Bartlett died in 1909 and only the Beattie Bartlett family remained. The children, Ellen, Grant, Gordon and Tommy attended school and grew up in Rosedale. Beattie was active in real estate transactions; the present United Church property was acquired from B.A.D. and T.G. Bartlett in 1910. Sometime before 1920 the family moved to Washington and was recorded in 1924 as resident in Long View.

## MAXWELL STEVENSON JR. AND FAMILY

*by C. Ryder*

Maxwell Stevenson Jr. (1867-1956) was son of a father of the same name who was born in County Down, Ireland, in 1830 and came to Canada in 1846 with his parents who settled in Norfolk County, Ontario. Max Stevenson Sr. became a carpenter and builder and married in Ontario before migrating to Chilliwack in 1887. In Chilliwack, he became an active builder continuing nearly up to his death in 1924.

In addition to Maxwell Jr. the family included two daughters: Katie, who married Beattie Bartlett in 1891, and Margaret (Maggie) who married John McLeod in 1892. Both of these couples were later residents of the



*Maxwell Stevenson*

Rosedale area.

Maxwell Jr. was a farmer, carpenter, and builder, following his father's tradition. He farmed on 26 acres at 10376 McGrath Road. Some time after 1890 he married Eleanor Bartlett (1874-1908). They had a family of four: Secord, Thomas, Harold and Libby.

Max was a member of the Loyal Orange Lodge in Rosedale, and a supporter of the Presbyterian and later the United Church where he was Sunday School superintendent for many years. A member of the Rosedale Athletic Club, he was president for several years and was a key figure in the Community Hall construction in 1928 as a planner and carpenter. As a dairy farmer, he was a member of FVMPA.

Following Eleanor's death in 1908, Max remained a widower until 1927 when he married Mary Jane (Jennie) Tribe who had been widowed in 1915. Jennie passed away in 1947. Max lived with his son Harold in Vancouver before his death in 1956.

Son Secord married Margaret Karr, daughter of David Karr of Rosedale, in 1916. Secord and his brother Thomas enlisted in the armed forces in World War I; both were killed in action in 1918.

Daughter Libby was cared for by her aunt Mrs. D.C. Christie. She married A.F. Lundgren. They lived in Seattle but were frequent visitors to Rosedale with son Lawrence and daughter Marilyn.

Son Harold and his wife Christine were Vancouver residents. Harold was employed by FVMPA as a salesman, retiring about 1966. He moved after this date, destination unknown, and efforts to trace descendants of this family and the Lundgren family have been unsuccessful.

## THE GEORGE BATT FAMILY

*researched by May Armstrong*

In 1939 George and Susan Batt moved to Cheam View from New Westminster, B.C. Their family of five children: Minnie, Margaret, Henry, Wilfred, and Elsie came with them. The family lived in the Cheam View district for several years near where the little school was. The Cheam View School was situated about 1/4 mile from the Waleach Power Plant.

Some time after, Susan passed away. George Batt married Lily. George and Lily had a son, Eddie and later twin girls, Dora and Cora, then a son Charlie. Charlie was about 4 or 5 years, when he was accidentally killed when a car struck him, while crossing the highway in front of the house. They were living at Laidlaw at the time. From Laidlaw they moved to Silver Creek, then later to Hope.

Wilfred and his wife live in Hope. Margaret and some of her family also live in Hope, and Henry lives in North Vancouver, B.C.

Lily passed away in 1954. George Batt passed away in 1976. Minnie passed away a number of years ago. Eddie passed away in the fall of 1984.



*Seated: Lackie Bayly and his wife. Standing: Leah Gillanders and Milton Bayly, 1916.*

## THE LAUCLIN BAYLY FAMILY

*by Cyril Bayly McKenzie*

Donald William Lauchlin Bayly was born in Chilliwack in 1887. He was a carpenter by trade and some of the barns he built in the Chilliwack district are still in use. In 1916 he married Irene Viola Currie, a P.E.I. girl who was teaching at a rural school in the valley. In early 1919 the Baylys moved to homestead on a quarter section near Grande Prairie, Alberta. They had five children: Edwin, Lemuel, Viola, Cyril and Donald. Unfortunately Mrs. Irene Bayly died in June 1925, the same day Donald was born.

Later that year the family, with a nurse to look after Donald, returned to Chilliwack. Donald was adopted as an infant by Mr. Bayly's sister Edith and husband William Stevenson of Cheam district. The other four children lived with their father until severe illness made this impossible. Because of our father's illness, Edwin went to live with the Cartmell family on Young Road North; Lem went to live with Roden and Myrtle Hunter on Chilliwack Central Road; Viola went to live with Rachel MacLeod in Atchelitz and Cyril was adopted by John and Mabel McKenzie of East Chilliwack.

It is interesting to note that our mother's death and father's illness occurred long before there were government welfare programs, yet the community did not let the family down in their time of need.

When Mr. Bayly's health improved and he was able to work again he moved to Rosedale to the house at what is now 51470 Yale Road. The three older children attended Rosedale Elementary School and with their father at-

tended Cottage prayer meetings and Sunday School in homes. This group led to the organization of the Pentecostal Holiness Church some years later. Edwin and Viola lived with him at Rosedale until they completed high school. Lemuel remained with the Hunters.

Lauchie Bayly subsequently married Hilda Blakeburn and they lived in Rosedale for a short time. Shortly after their oldest daughter Eileen was born the family moved back to Alberta. There they had two daughters, Dorothy and Myrtle and a son Robert. In Calgary Mr. Bayly worked in later years for the Alberta Casket Company. Lauchie Bayly died in 1972 at age 84 years and Mrs. Hilda Bayly still resides in Calgary.

Edwin retired several years ago as a United Methodist Minister at Springfield, Oregon. He and his wife Olive live in a mobile home which makes it easy to visit their eight children and their grandchildren.

Lemuel graduated from U.B.C. in 1946 as a Civil Engineer. He married a local high school teacher, Nancy Raine and they have one son. Lem was working at U.B.C. at the time of his death in 1978, and was predeceased by his wife in 1977.

Viola became a missionary nurse and spent more than 30 years on the Nigerian mission field. She and her husband, Reverend Charles Nelson have five children. Both are retired and live in Sundre, Alberta.

Cyril served in the R.C.A.F. in World War II. He graduated from U.B.C. in 1949 as an electrical engineer. He married Gina Harron and they have three children. He is retired and lives in Peterborough, Ontario.

Donald served in the Navy in World War II, then graduated from U.B.C. in 1949 in agriculture. He did not marry and at the time of his death in 1967 was teaching high school in Abbotsford. Donald's burial was in the Royal Canadian Legion Cemetery, Chilliwack.

Eileen married Calvin White. They have three children and live at Maple Ridge, B.C. where Calvin is an Electrical Contractor.

Dorothy married Alan Venters who works in estate management in Edmonton. They have two children and live at Sherwood Park.

Robert is involved in pre-fab home manufacture. He and his wife Lois have three children and reside in Regina, Saskatchewan.

Myrtle is married to David Nielsen who, after graduation from University, accepted employment with the Natural Resources Department of the B.C. Government. They have one son and live at Brentwood Bay, B.C.

This family is remembered for their loving concern for one another as they faced tragedy and hardship.

## ALFRED AND FLORENCE BEER FAMILY

*by Alfred Beer Jr.*

Leaving the dusty plains of central Saskatchewan in March of 1933, after five consecutive years of drought, the Alfred Beer family boarded the CPR passenger train at Bladworth and headed west to the Fraser Valley seeking a new home.

Alfred, his wife Florence and their four children: Florence, Alfred, Mable, and Thomas moved on to the



*Florence and Alfred Beer.*

ten acre farm at 50891 Yale Road, at the west end of Rosedale where Nevin Road meets Yale Road. This farm and the succeeding one at 51065 Yale Road were rented from Mrs. Archie Thompson.

In order to start a small dairy farm, they purchased two milk cows and rented two from Rosedale resident Mr. Howland Tweddle. Meanwhile Alfred Sr. went to work as bull cook and caretaker of the Graham McNair logging camp at Silver River on Harrison Lake. Florence and the children looked after the farm and increased the herd. In the following years Norman and Joan were born in Rosedale.

After five years on this farm the family moved to 30 acres at 51065 Yale Road, closer to Rosedale. Here Alfred quit logging and stayed at home to farm. Five years later, when Mr. Archie Thompson retired, we moved to his 50 acre farm at 50977 Yale Road. The filbert nut orchard was planted by businessman Clifford Skelton who had purchased the farm after the death of Mr. Archie Thompson.

The children all attended school at Rosedale at both the McGrath Road location and the old school across from Archibald's store, where the Post Office now stands. Attending High School in those years required bussing to Central School in Chilliwack for grades 7 and 8, then to High School on Yale Road East, now the Chilliwack Jr. High. (Chilliwack Sr. High School did not exist at that time).

The family were active members of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints and regularly attended services in the little church on Munro Avenue. Mrs. Florence Beer had been a member of this



Starting with back row, l to r: Alfred, Florence, Mabel, Thomas, Norman and Joan Beer. 1939.

denomination while living at Stafford, England. This goodly woman, in true Biblical regard, brought up her family in the way they should go, and soon after coming to Rosedale, her husband was baptized and in succeeding years each member of the family followed their parents in baptism.

For this denomination, baptism is by total immersion. Most of the services were held at the Camp River swimming pool just off of Camp River Road in front of 50941 Wilbourn Road. One service was held in Nevin Creek at 51756 Nevin Road and son Norman was baptized there.

The family recalls with relish that during the hot August days of 1945 all were picking pole beans at the George Bryant farm. Mother Beer told the children it was necessary for the war effort, as the army marched on its stomach. August 9th, 1945 was a very hot day, and when Fred Bryant called out the news that the war was over, bean pails were thrown in the air and not even mother could make them pick any more beans that day.

This family has branched out and multiplied and all are good responsible citizens. Alfred Jr. and his wife Jean live in Chilliwack. Alfred has been an employee of the City of Chilliwack and the District of Chilliwack for 30 years. Tom has been a fireman for 31 years and is now Fire Chief for the District of Chilliwack. He and his wife Gwyne also live in Chilliwack. Both Alfred Jr. and Tom are Elders of their church and conduct services, including weddings and funerals. Norman owns his own wholesale business, and Joan (Mrs. Bill Welch) is an employee of Fraser Valley Broadcasters Ltd. Joan was the First Lady of Chilliwack when her husband was Mayor for several terms. Florence is Mrs. Calder, and lives in Missouri, U.S.A. Mable is Mrs. Alvin Levitt and with her husband is farming at Wainwright, Alberta.

Mrs. Florence Beer passed away in 1960 and Alfred Sr.

in 1970. Both are buried in the I.O.O.F. Cemetery, Chilliwack, B.C. There are numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren. The senior members are all truly thankful for the Rosedale heritage that became the roots of this large family.

## MR. AND MRS. CHARLES J. BELL

*Information by Lois Dickinson*

Charles Johnson Bell and Barbara Susannah Bigger were married in 1882 in Bristol, Carleton County, New Brunswick, about sixty miles from Fredericton. They were young, at nineteen and fifteen, and used to say that they grew up together. Certainly, they remained devoted.

They raised a family of five children. In 1919 or 1920, when the children were independent, Charlie and Susie Bell set out for a new life in B.C. where Charlie had two distinguished cousins, Dr. Dudley Bell and Wallace Bell of Vancouver. Charlie has been fascinated by his cousin's stories of the Klondike and the West. Having worked in the New Brunswick woods, he wanted to see the tall trees of B.C.

When he arrived in the Chilliwack valley he was nearing sixty years of age but he cleared the land with the vigour of a young person, working long hours and pausing only briefly for meals. His first farm was at 50585 Yale Road, east of the present Chapman Road junction which did not exist at that time. He built a bridge across Hope Slough on driven piles, called by his friends the "Miramichi Bridge" because it was reminiscent of the Miramichi River in New Brunswick. After many years the bridge became unsafe, but remained in position until after 1950, and many a Rosedale boy fished from its structure.

Sometime prior to 1932 the Bells moved to a new location at 50380 Yale Road, just west of the Annis Road Junction. Again Charlie cleared land and had a new home constructed, featuring as innovations a dumb waiter for elevating firewood and a through-counter connecting the pantry and dining area.

The Bells made many friends in Rosedale. In addition to their friendliness they are remembered for practicality and hospitality.

A meal in their home was a feast, often with New Brunswick specialties. They maintained nurture of their eastern roots by membership in the Chilliwack Maritime Provinces Club. Mrs. Bell was president of the W.A. of St. Peter's Anglican Church of Rosedale for eight years. In 1932 they were honoured by their friends on the occasion of their fiftieth wedding anniversary.

In 1933 Charlie Bell died in his seventieth year. Mrs. Bell sold the property and lived with two of her married daughters in New Westminster and Vancouver respectively. Her two sons also lived for some time in Vancouver. She made frequent visits to the Chilliwack area, at times with her grandsons, preferring particularly to visit at fair time. Until her death in 1958 she cherished memories of the Rosedale years.

## WILLIAM BELL 1854-1939

*by F.H. Bryant*

William "Billy" Bell and his wife Mrs. Sarah Ann Bell came to live in Rosedale, from Winnipeg, Manitoba in the early 1900's, at what is now 10483 McGrath Road. Their home faced west over the Hope Slough, with the Royal Engineers road following the west side of the slough.

In later years it always seemed strange to find the back door of their house facing the new roadway, but they had a very pictureque front view down the river bank.

Mr. and Mrs. Bell operated a small dairy farm and raised chickens, selling milk to the FVMPA and eggs to Archibald's Store.

Mr. Bell was a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. The Chilliwack Progress records that he was honoured in his 84th year with a sixty year jewel for membership dating back to Oakville, Ont. in 1878. He is remembered as a good neighbour and was especially helpful as a practical veterinarian with difficult calvings and in such problems as milk fever and bloat.

William Bell passed away in 1939 and Mrs. Bell in 1952. Both are buried in I.O.O.F. Cemetery, Chilliwack.

## THE JAMES BENNEWITH FAMILY

*by Frances (Bennewith) Morrow*

James and Florence Bennewith came to Rosedale from the Atchelitz district in 1928 with family: Grace, Leslie, William, Frances, Barbara, Margaret, Joyce, James and Stanley. In 1929 another son, Gerald, was born. Leslie and William won several trophies and plows in the plowing matches. The family farmed in Rosedale until 1933 when they moved to a farm in Agassiz, B.C.



*James and Florence Bennewith.*

Leslie, William (Bill) and Frances were among the first members of the Junior Farmer Clubs organized by George Bryant, and were concerned with the raising of beef calves during the period of 1928-32. Hugh Thompson of Nevin Road gave instruction in livestock judging

to these clubs.

The Junior Farmer Clubs were first called Boys' and Girls' Farm Clubs and are now part of the worldwide 4-H Club movement.

Les Bennewith was an employee of the Federal Research Station at Agassiz and served as Farm Foreman until his retirement. Upon retirement he returned to Chilliwack with his wife, Sadie, who is now deceased (1987).

Bill Bennewith was active as a livestock dealer and trucker for many years, and is now retired in Chilliwack.

Frances married Gordon Morrow of Chilliwack, and with her husband, operated Morrows' Moving and Storage for many years. Frances has remained active in women's groups, and does volunteer work at the Chilliwack General Hospital.

The younger members of the family grew up in Agassiz, and that, to them, is home.

## ERNEST AND MARGARET BENT

*by F.H. Bryant*

Ernest and Margaret Bent came to live at 51270 Muirhead Street in the mid 1940's. Ernie had been a railway worker in Saskatchewan and came to Rosedale to retire.



*Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Bent.*

Like many retirees, Ernie kept very busy. He was a member of the Rosedale Volunteer Fire Department, when it was still a community organization. Ernie looked after the fire hall and kept the oil heater going and never missed responding to a fire call.

Ernie and Margaret were active in Rosedale United Church, where Ernie served as Sunday School superintendent for several years and as church elder.

Ernie died in 1960 and Margaret in 1965. Both are buried in I.O.O.F. Cemetery, Chilliwack, B.C.

*Ernie and Margaret Bent, their son, and Mr. H. Darling.*



## JOHN AND ANNA BERGMANN FAMILY

by Abram "Abe" Bergmann  
January 1987

It is a lovely sunny afternoon in one of the mildest winters on record. As we sit with Marge and Fred Bryant of Rosedale, by the fireplace in the home we have been very fortunate to live in for the past ten years, it is wonderful to recall our first meeting with Fred and his family well over fifty years ago. God has been good and we have much to be thankful for.

While our years in Rosedale were only a short time, they were an important step along the way as we travelled from Russia, across Canada, to the community of Greendale where we have put down deep roots, and become a growing part of the community and it a part of the Bergmann family with its many branches.

Our parents and their forebears lived in the southern part of Russia (one of the nicer parts of the country) between the Black Sea and the Caspian Sea. Communism was just becoming established in the years following the war 1914-18. My father, John Bergmann, held a position of foreman in the large co-operative plant that processed oil seed. The prospects of promotion were favourable but deep in the hearts of my parents was a very basic difference of opinion about the foreboding future under Communism and their very strong Christian Religious beliefs.

On receiving a tip about a threatened future, a very careful decision was made to attempt to emigrate to Canada. After several months of planning and preparation the necessary documents were in place and the family left their homeland on an adventure of faith into the unknown. It was on March 31st, 1925, that John and Anna Bergmann received their pass and started out, with six children, to go first by train to Riga, by ship across the North Sea to Southampton, England, then boarded the steamship "Empress of Scotland" to Canada. After a seven day voyage across the Atlantic they landed in Quebec on May 10, 1925. We travelled by CPR to Winnipeg, stayed seven months then moved to Elm Creek, Manitoba.

Here the family were able to take possession of a 720 acre grain farm. Those first years were difficult and the work very hard but there were crops and some sale for grain and stock so that a new life was beginning to take shape. The great world-wide depression of 1929 struck and for the years of 1928 and 29 there were more bills than money to pay them. After the bills for baling twine, gas, feed for horses and payment for men to stook and thresh the grain, there were still bills to pay and nothing left for the family's needs.

Word had been received of the milder climate and fertile soil of the Fraser River Valley which sounded much more like what they had beside the Black Sea, so the decision to move on was made.

Mrs. Anna Bergmann, with two younger children, Elsie and Johnnie, boarded the CPR in March, 1930, for the trip to Agassiz where some Mennonite settlers had already located. A boxcar shared with a neighbor, Walter Guenther and son Cornelius "Cornie", along with four horses, four cows, and other household and

farm effects headed west.

The rest of the family: father John, daughter Susan, Blondina and Abe, piled a lot of personal effects in a 1927, one ton, grain truck and a 1928 Chevrolet car, bade farewell once again to friends and started out on another great adventure, with prayers and faith that before too long the family would once again sit down together to express their thanks and share exciting stories of their travel adventures.

Remember that March is still the depth of winter across



*Bergman family on their trip to B.C. 1930.*

the prairies and cold and snow plentiful, making the trip difficult but the two vehicles always kept together. The little party of pioneers were grateful to stay with friends at Coaldale, Alberta for a day or two of rest. Travelling the southern route, a stop was made at Nelson with friends. This was an opportunity to talk of the harrowing experiences travelling through the Rocky Mountains. Moving on we encountered many narrow roads with one way traffic and particularly remember a stretch of road in the Merritt area where the stones were still sticking up in the roadway. In one or two places the travellers stayed in an abandoned house or other buildings overnight.

From Merritt it was up to Kamloops for the long and tedious trip down the Fraser Canyon. Narrow roads, almost non-existent in places, and in places wooden trestles hung on the side of the cliffs out over the rushing waters many feet below. The one compelling factor to go on was simply that there was no place to turn around. So it was that after seven days since leaving Elm Creek, the weary group with their two faithful vehicles, broke into the sunshine and greener grassy fields of the Fraser Valley. One or two spare drums of gasoline and plenty of patching equipment for tires was always carried. There was no Lougheed Highway in those days, so it was across the Fraser at Rosedale on Walter McGrath's Ferry. What a joyous reunion there must have been that first evening as the family, who had been separated for a week, sat down to supper! Is it any wonder that Abe Bergmann, in later years, was to establish his own garage and automotive repair shop on South Sumas Road where he gained a valley wide reputation for fine service?

The family stayed in Agassiz for only a few weeks and were able to rent a forty acre farm at 51300 Nevin road,

at the intersection with McGrath Road, from Mrs. Hulda Hatch of Chilliwack. The farm was only partially cleared and had a small 4-room house comprised of a living room, two small bedrooms and a lean-to kitchen and shed at the back. There was a woodshed and the very necessary out-house at the back. A large lean-to type barn, which had been started but never finished, was back behind on the banks of the Nevin Creek. We wonder how we managed but we had good neighbors on both sides: the George Bryant family to the west and Percy and Vina Bartindale to the east.

Blondina and Elsie attended school at Rosedale Elementary. Johnny started school in Greendale. The older children found work on neighboring farms and in cutting firewood. Abe recalls being sent into the hay fields at W.J. Thompson farm to coil hay and having instructions from Mr. Thompson in how to make a coil to shed the rain, but he was small in stature and not able to keep up with the older men. However, Mr. Thompson complimented him on his good coils during some very hot weather, when he kept at it despite the heat and being tired. He spoke of working on threshing gangs and silo filling on farms, and especially remembers the good meals served by Mrs. T. Adachi and Mrs. G. Bryant. He spoke of Maurice and Ellis Brown who sharpened their axes and saws for work in the woods and of hauling shingle bolts with their team for the small mill on what is now the Miller-Dirven farm on McElwee Road.

At home the family were able to get three more milk cows from George Bryant and shipped milk to the FV-MPA. The milk would be cooled by placing cans in the creek and it was a long trip to the roadside by seven o'clock in the morning for pickup.

Here Fred interrupted my story to ask if I recalled making the sausage and we had a good laugh. Fred said that he remembered being in our kitchen and seeing the sausages in long ropes strung along between the kitchen chairs as they were being filled. We recalled that later the sausages were taken into the woods behind the creek and wrapped around a green vinemaple stick, put across a large hollow stump and a fire lit below to do the smoking. Between us we seemed to recall that at least one batch of sausage burnt up, stump and all.

A loan that would be considered small by today's standards was obtained from the Bank of Commerce in Chilliwack and I remember only too well that when milk prices fell so low in 1932, dad had to tell the manager that he could not make his payments. A very helpful manager understood and said that he knew John Bergmann was a man of his word. We have been good customers of the Bank of Commerce ever since, as eventually the loan was paid in full.

Church life played an important part in all our lives even in those difficult days and when there was gas for the car we would go to services in the Greendale area. Occasionally the young people would ride their bikes to Sunday services. As the family became better acquainted in Rosedale some good relationships were established. Abe recalled that his sister Susie worked for Captain and Mrs. Scott. She remembers George and Ted so well and how excited we all were when she came home to tell us that Mrs. Scott had invited her to go on a trip to the



*Mr. Matt Brannick cleared one acre for a guernsey cow.*

United States with the family.

I recalled that dad took a verbal contract with Mr. Matt Brannick on Annis Road, to clear an acre of land in exchange for a grade Guernsey cow. He said it was a very good cow but that dad had underestimated the work involved in clearing an acre of land. All the family went with the team and helped pull stumps and pile brush for the fires. At the same time Abe worked for Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Manuel. Mrs. Manuel being Maud Mercer, Abe worked on the Mercer farm and came to like Mr. and Mrs. Manuel. Mr. Manuel was a practical vet who helped many farmers with livestock problems. In the spring of 1933 Mr. and Mrs. Manuel and the Bergmann family moved together to South Sumas Road to share the farm of Monty and Ruth Hall.

So it was that once again the Bergmann family bade farewell to a community that had been home to them for a time. We all like to feel that friendships were made and feelings for a new part of Canada were nurtured, and that the three years the Bergmann family were in Rosedale will always be remembered with pleasure. The fifty years that have passed have certainly had their times of sorrow and testing, but looking back, we are happy that the Heritage Preservers of Rosedale remembered to ask us to be a part of their history book.

John and Anna Bergmann spent their last years in the Greendale-Sardis area and are both buried in the Greendale Cemetery. John Bergmann passed away in 1962 at the age of 80 years. His wife Anna died in 1968 aged 82 years.

Their descendants in 1987 number some 115 members in four generations.

Children:

Cornelius - deceased Feb. 19, 1958. Buried in I.O.O.F cemetery.

Susie - Mrs. Jake Wiens, lives in Sardis.

Abe - lives in retirement at 45163 Sumas Road, Sardis, B.C.

Blondina - Mrs. Pete Hepner of Sardis, B.C.

Elsie - Mrs. Ike Baerg, lives at Clearbrook, B.C.

Johnnie - Passed away in June, 1979. Was cremated.

## THE LOUIS BESSETTE FAMILY

*by Lois Bessette Maurer and Bob Bessette*

Louis Amos Bessette, 1890-1963, was born in Wisconsin, U.S.A. and came to live in the Popcum area in 1910. He came here with his widowed mother, Mrs. Octavia Bessette, born in Madawaska, N.B. 1850-1931, and brothers, Charles and William "Bill" and sister Angelina.



*Louis and Laura Bessette.*

His wife, Laura Whittle, 1889-1968, came from Wickham, Hampshire, England. As a child of only seven years, she crossed the Atlantic and Canada by herself to join her parents who had emigrated earlier. Laura had remained in England with her grandparents until that time.

Mr. and Mrs. Whittle, Laura's parents and another daughter, Carrie, and son, Leo, lived on Fairfield Island in the Chilliwack area. Carrie served as a nurse during World War I overseas and later became a Grey Nun and did much good work with African children. She rose to the position of Mother Superior at a Convent in the Denver, Colorado Hospital.

Leo Whittle worked on the coast in the shipping trade.

Following the untimely death of Mr. Whittle, Mrs. Millicent Emily Knight Whittle married E. Dodsley Barrow, a widower and well-known farmer of the Camp River area.

Laura Whittle trained as a nurse at Royal Columbia Hospital, New Westminster, later marrying Louis Bessette on December 26, 1911, at the Methodist Church parsonage, Cheam (east of Chilliwack, B.C.) by the Rev. Barlow. The witnesses to the marriage were Nellie Barlow and Rose Stevenson.

The young couple lived on Popcum Road South, on the west side of the road, on a triangle of land that in 1987 is just north of the Trans Canada Waterslides.

Louis Bessette worked for the Patterson Sawmills and later was employed on the Public Works crew of the B.C. Dept. of Highways.

Two children were born to this union; a son Earl and daughter Lois. Both attended Popcum Public school.

Earl Bessette, 1914-1985, like his father, was an em-

ployee of the Dept. of Highways and later as a logger in the Chilliwack and Quesnel area. He married Edyth Karr, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Karr of Rosedale, and for a number of years lived at the corner of McGrath and Nevin Roads in Rosedale.

Earl and Edyth Bessette have three children: Juanita "Nita" (Mrs. Angus Cameron) of Quesnel, and June (Mrs. Conley Castle) of Enderby, B.C. Son, Robert "Bob" lives in Chilliwack.

Edyth and Earl retired to live in Enderby, B.C. Edyth passed away in 1984 and Earl in 1985. The ashes of both are interred in the Karr family plot, IOOF Cemetery, Chilliwack, B.C.

While living in Popcum, the Louis Bessette family took an active part in the community. Mrs. Bessette is remembered for her work in the Popcum Ladies Guild and as a fine singer. Several old-timers recall her singing duets with Mr. R.G. Pollock at Christmas concerts held in the Billy Ennis Hall.

Louis Bessette died in 1963, and Laura Bessette on May 12, 1968. Both are buried in the IOOF Cemetery, Chilliwack.

For a number of years prior to her death in 1931, Mrs. Octavia Bessette resided with her son Louis and his family in Popcum. Bill Bessette, 1893-1931, is buried in the IOOF Cemetery, Chilliwack, beside his mother.

## THE JOHN WILLIAM BISHOP FAMILY

*written by Fred Bryant in consultation  
with Pearl Hambley and Erma Fennell*

John or "J.W." Bishop 1878-1961 and his wife Effie Mae Bishop lived in the Rosedale area in the early 1930's. They rented a house from George Bryant on Castleman Rd., just west of McGrath Rd.

Later they lived at 51075 Nevin Rd. on a small acreage where they kept a family milk cow. John Bishop worked as a labourer on local farms and in cutting and hauling firewood from the local woodlots.

The couple were well-known for their deep spiritual life and strong Christian Faith. They carried on a missionary project of distributing religious tracts throughout the Rosedale and Chilliwack area. Keen Bible students, a feature of the large wall in their kitchen was what they called the "Silent Preacher". A large quilt-like tract holder had been sewn by Mrs. Bishop consisting of several hundred pockets which were kept full of a wide assortment of tracts. It was a very colourful and interesting wall covering.

The couple had two daughters, Irene and Miriam.

Thinking back about my grandparents I remember when we were very young and visited them on Castleman Road that Grandpa would pick up my sister Merle and I and read us all the Bible verses, though we were very young we learnt many of them by heart.

When we were older and our grandparents lived on Nevin Road, Grandpa would tell us stories about the Boer War. We thought that pretty exciting, but because we were so young we thought they were fighting big pigs called boars. It was some years later when we realized that they were fighting real men.



*John and Effie Mae Bishop by their house on Nevin Road 1938.*

*Below: John Bishop, First World War uniform, Strathcona Horse. Wife, Effie Mae, Irene, standing, Miriam, sitting.*



Grandma would do the washing very early on Monday morning. She used an old scrubboard and hand wringer. She would boil some of the clothes in the copper boiler on the stove. She prided herself in being the first woman to have her wash on the line. When the line was full she would hang some on the fence or lay it on top of the grass to dry.

Grandpa had a good vegetable garden and was very particular about it. I remember him chasing me out of the garden more than once. He sold vegetables to the Archibald's store. They got all of their water from a pump and priming that and pumping by hand was fun.

Their daughter Miriam married Roland Hambley and these are my parents. I have a sister Miss Merle Hambley of Vancouver, B.C.

John Bishop was a Cavalry Soldier in the South African Boer War. In World War One he saw army service with postings in Winnipeg and on Vancouver Island. Following his discharge he ranched in Alberta and operated a confectionery store in Bellingham, Washington. He was a patient in Shaugnessy Military Hospital, Vancouver at the time of his death in 1961.

Mrs. Effie Mae Bishop died in 1951.

## **BOCK FAMILY**

*by Arthur Bock*

Mr. and Mrs. August Bock came to Rosedale in 1936 from Trochu, Alberta and bought the Cook farm located at 50770 Yale Road East. The farm was later divided to provide the location for Rosedale Junior Secondary High School.

The family members were Arthur, Herbert, and Alfred. A married sister, Elsie Bogner, continues to live in Three Hills, Alberta.

Arthur served in the Canadian Army from 1941

*Below: Mr. and Mrs. August and Rosina Bock. Alfred, Arthur, Elsie and Herbert. 50th Wedding Anniversary, 1960.*



receiving an honourable discharge on December 6, 1945.

Art married Elsie Hiller in 1942. They have two sons, Dennis and Lorne.

Herb graduated from Chilliwack Senior High School and Cascade College (Theology) in Portland and was ordained as a Minister in the Evangelical Church. Coordinating crusades throughout the world, he served for a number of years with pastorates in Portland and returned to Canada serving pastorates in Regina, Saskatoon, and Medicine Hat.

Alfred lives in Saskatoon working with the Department of Agriculture in the Veterinary Instruction classes.

Mr. and Mrs. Bock Sr. retired to Chilliwack and passed away in 1962 and 1970 respectively.

The August Bock family were among the first of many families of Russian and German extraction who emigrated from the dust bowl of the prairie provinces to take up farm holdings in the Fraser Valley. These people made a large contribution to the farming development of the area. While in Rosedale the family attended Rosedale United Church and were members of the FVMFA.



*August Bock, 1934.*

## **WILLIAM AND MARY BOND**

*by Tom Bond and Della (Bond) Salmon*

My grandfather Bond came from England to Harrisville, Michigan, where my father William (Bill) Bond was born. In 1880 or 1890 they moved to Red Deer, Alberta. In those early days anyone could homestead, so my father had a homestead. Around this time the LaMarsh family on my mother's side came west from Ontario, settling in the same district. Mother and Dad (Bill and Mary) were married there, and their first three children were born there. Bill 1907, Tom 1909, and

Edythe.

Bad luck struck on my mother's side of the family. There were very few roads in those days and no bridges across the Red Deer River. My Grandmother and my mother's sister were crossing the river in a team and wagon. Half way across they ran into a large hole in the river, and the wagon box floated off down stream. Grandmother LaMarsh and my aunt were drowned. A short time later, a high priced mining promoter came through talking to anyone who would listen of all the riches and money that could be made in the East Kootney Mines. The Kaslo and Lardou County Mining was booming so my father and his family left Red Deer and headed west via CPR through the Crow's Nest Pass to Nelson, B.C., then by stern wheeler boat up to Kaslo. Sister Della was born here. My Grandfather and Grandmother Bond stayed there, while we moved to Rosedale, again via CPR from Revelstoke to Agassiz, B.C. in 1914. We had to cross the Fraser River by motor launch run by Walter McGrath. I remember being scared to death as Walter had the old boat loaded with Mom and Dad, 4 children, and as much baggage as he could get in the boat.

Our first home was just about 3/4 of a mile past Archibald's store on the way to Chilliwack. My brother Charlie was born here. We lived there until my father bought 20 acres of land heavily timbered in the area of Popcum, the corner of Yale and Gray roads. This first house burned down after we moved to Popcum.

Dad built a frame house and a good sized barn from the timber he cut from our land. We lived in the house that now belongs to Harry Cameron until our house was ready. My brother Sherman was born after we had moved to our new home.

There was no school in Popcum at that time, so Bill



*In the driveway of our home in Popcum around 1920. Front row: Dad, Edith, Charlie, Della, Mother. Sitting on fence: Bill, Sherman and Tom.*

and myself and some other kids walked to the Rosedale School. They had a new school on McGrath Road. I was 6 and Bill was 8 years old. We were very happy when they

built the one room school house directly across the road from the Cameron place. Dad helped build Popcum School and the road from Rosedale to Popcum.

Della started school when she was 5 because they needed one more child to make the required number to keep the school going. Names of the schoolteachers at that time were Miss Albox, Miss Creaton, Miss Kerr, Mr. Jack Tribe and the last one I can remember was Mr. Crowley.

Living near us were Mrs. Bob Thompson and family. Mr. Alex Gray lived by himself until Mrs. Grey came. Mr. Harry Cameron and family lived right across from the school.

My uncle Ace Bond lived down the road from Mr. Cameron. He had a nice herd of Jersey cows and my dad built his house and barn, which are still standing and are now Minter's Gardens. This barn was put together with pegs instead of nails, and the house was built with square nails.

Just past Uncle Ace's place about 1 mile and left about



*The house and barn that Ace Bond built.*

1/2 mile towards the mountain was the Anderson place. My uncle Ace married Mrs. Anderson and after two years they left Popcum and moved to Bluffton, Alberta.

Dad built several houses in this area. Uncle Ace's home and barn, the two houses for the Carter brothers who had farms on Yale Road 1/2 way to Rosedale, and others which I can't remember. He also worked in the mills in the Rosedale and Popcum area. Dad also had cows. He had to haul the milk by wagon to Rosedale, then load it on the train to take it to the milk plant in Sardis.

We always enjoyed fishing in Popcum Lake as kids. Dad always built us a good boat and the fishing was real good.

People played a lot of cards and had small house parties in those days. We also went on picnics in the summer months. Mother was very active in the Popcum Ladies Guild.

Our family Doctor was Dr. Elliott who made house calls in his horse and buggy to Rosedale and Popcum. Dr. Elliott was killed by a BCE train in Sardis. One of the very sad memories was when the killer flu hit BC and all of Canada in 1918, just as World War I was coming to a close. The flu lasted from 10 - 14 days. Uncle Ken McGillvery looked after the stock and dairy cows while everyone was sick. He had just returned from WWI and seemed to be immuned to the flu.

Dad built still another house just up from their original one, after all the family had left, and they spent their last days there. The original house and three acres, the SE corner of No. 9 and Yale, was sold to George and Opal Newhouse from Alberta in 1945. Dad passed away in 1952 at age 72, and Mom passed away in 1963 at age 78.



*Mary and Bill Bond at the second home that he built. 1950.*

### BOND, Ace

A brother of William Bond was a confirmed bachelor farmer. In 1926 he married Mrs. Flora Anderson, widow of Willy. The Popcum neighbours were excited to see a banner on Ace Bond's home announcing his marriage to Flora Anderson, and everyone was invited to his home for the celebration. Ace collected the milk in the Popcum area and delivered it to a collection point in Rosedale for transfer to the Chilliwack Creamery or the Sardis Utility Plant.

Around 1926 the couple with the Anderson children, Ira, Gerty, Peter and Isabel, left for Alberta and the farm was sold to David Greyell. Ace Bond, now deceased is buried at Rimbey, Alberta. Mrs. Bond is buried at Bentley, Alberta.

### BOND, Bill

*by Josie (Bond) Webber*

My dad worked when he was 12 years old for Mr. Reg Bryant. He later drove truck for his brother, Tom, who had the hauling job for the relief camps in the hungry "30's". He also worked for the Department of Highways



*Bill and Margaret Bond.*

in Boston Bar for 25¢ an hour. There he met and married Margret Mullin. They moved to Popcum from Boston Bar in the spring of 1941 with their children, Josie, age 5, Shirley 3 and Donna 1. The family moved because of the drowning death of their oldest child, Madeline, at "9 Mile Creek" during the Spring runoff. We lived in a little house which was owned by Pehotas, next to Mr. and Mrs. Padgham. Then Dad bought seven acres of land, which was originally part of the Bill Ennis property. The part just across the Freeway where the access road is now, north of the Ponderosa Cafe. Dad worked as a logger at Jones and Harrison Lakes. My brother Billy was born in June 1946 in the Chilliwack General Hospital.

When the Fraser River flooded Herrling Island in 1948, I remember Mom and Dad helping the families move their belongings into Popcum Hall because it was handy. At least three families lived in the hall for several weeks while they waited for the water to recede. The next flood came from 11 days and nights of rain. The mountain started spewing logs, trees, mud, rocks and huge boulders down our valley. The roar was deafening, and it was late at night, so dark you couldn't see. Dad first alerted us about 11:00 p.m. We listened to the wind and rain and the crashing of rocks and logs. We were all scared! We got bundled up and into the car and drove down to Grandpa's two miles west. The next morning, as soon as Dad would allow us, we went back home to have a look. What a mess! The property on the north side of the Highway was covered in mud and logs and debris. It was also up to almost road level in water. Our property being somewhat lower was also flooded. My mom's only concern was her young heifer which was in calf. She was not able to swim because she was so heavy, and so scared. Mom got her out of the water and literally pulled her into the back seat of Grandpa's old Model T. It was the funniest thing you ever saw, and I'm afraid I got a bit hysterical at the sight of Mom driving down the road with this pregnant heifer in the car. A man from the Chilliwack Progress took a picture of Mom pushing and tugging that animal into the car. It stopped raining and

the water went down and we all went back home. It took years to clear the field across the road.

Popcum Lake was a favorite spot of my Dad's. He used to let me go fishing with him and it wasn't till years later I realized he didn't go to the lake to catch fish. He had this old wooden boat and once in it he insisted on complete quiet. He said we'd scare the fish! He listened to each and every lake sound as if hearing it for the first time. Our favorite sound was the lonely call of the loon. How perfect that this year our new dollar coin features the "Loon".

My mother was the first female whistle punk at Jones Lake Logging, a direct result of World War II. At a cool 4' 11" and wearing size 5 corkboots, she was quite a sight. The only problem she ever encountered was the men on the Crummy each morning found it hard not to swear. They were soon to learn she could outcuss them all. Dad was very proud of his little whistle punk and so were we.

We moved to a farm in Ryder Lake in May 1975. In 1960 Mom moved to Vancouver where she had a wood trucking business. Dad moved to Surrey. Dad passed away in June 1969, and Mom in April 1982. I left Popcum in 1957, married and have two children, and live in Burnaby. Donna and Shirley married and have four children and two children respectively and live in Surrey. Bill is in Grande Prairie, married with twin girls and two boys.



*Shirley, Josie, Donna and Billy Bond.*



*Tom Bond on his parents' front yard, 1924. His wife, Betty with their son, Marvin, 1927.*

**BOND, Tom**  
*by Tom Bond*

I left school at the age of 14 and got my first job as a greaser on a logging sleigh. They were 18 - 20 feet long and ran on logs just like a railroad tie except they were notched so the 4 - 5 inch runners would stay on the skids. They were drawn by 2 - 4 horse teams. I would sit on the back of the sleigh on the way back to the woods and dab every skid with a black heavy grease. We hauled these very large logs down to the McNair and Graham Sawmill. One mile up the CNR track from Rosedale crossing to the mill they also had a shingle mill. There were no trucks hauling logs at that time. Some of the logs were 5 - 6 feet in diameter and up to 18 feet long; one log to a load.

I met and married Miss Elizabeth Marshall of Kamloops, who was visiting her sister Mrs. Charlie Davis in Chilliwack. We were married at the Cheam Church on March 1, 1926. I was only 17 years old at the time, and wouldn't be 18 until October 21. We lived in Popcum and I worked for Mr. Sullivan of the Popcum Lime Plant, Haas Hop Farms and McNair and Graham Sawmill, and at any other job that I could find. Then onto Chilliwack where I learned to drive truck for a little Frenchman named Tip LeBruyn. He and I hauled ties and slab wood out of Cultus Lake to the railroad in Chilliwack. Our first son was born in the Chilliwack Hospital December 23, 1927. In June 1929 we moved to Boston Bar and I worked with Vic Miller for Mr. Bradshaw and son Bill in their tie mill hauling ties into Boston Bar. In October 1928 I hired on with the CNR railroad as a locomotive wiper and shop employee. In those days one never worked steady as the railroad was very slow. I worked driving truck for the Department of Highways when I couldn't hold a job at the shop. About this time I started the Fraser Canyon Freight lines. However, I stayed working at Port Mann and Kamloops for the CNR until 1941.

I left the railroad and went to work for Greyhound Bus Lines from 1941 until I retired in 1974. After 33 years as a bus driver I retired knowing I had driven all over Canada. I sold the Freight Lines when I started with Greyhound and it became known as Triangle Transport.

During our married life together Elizabeth and I had two boys and three girls. My oldest son, Marvin runs a



*The old steam locomotive I worked on in 1928.*

Charter Bus Lines out of Kamloops. One of my daughters lives in Pencticton and her husband drives Greyhound. My other two daughters live down in North and West Vancouver. My second son Lorne is also a Greyhound bus driver. He has been driving for 31 years. I am very proud of our driving record. Between the two of us we have 64 years of safe driving miles behind us and still going strong. Greyhound Bus Lines is one of the best companies in North America to work for.

I wish to add that Elizabeth and I were divorced in 1966. I have since married Faye Sater and we are now retired and living in Kamloops.

All the best to the many fine people I have come in contact with over the past 70 years. I will be 78 next October 21, and I would do it all over again if I could.

*Below: Tom Bond and son, Lorne. 1973.*



## EDITH (Bond) RAINEY

*by Josie (Bond) Webber*

Edith married Phillip Rainey of Everson, Washington, moved there and spent her entire adult life with dual citizenship. They raised seven children: five boys and two girls. Phyllis lives in Everson, has two boys and 1 girl and they live on a back lot of her Mom and Dad's property. Rodney lives in Chetwynd, B.C., and has one boy and one girl. Bill lives in Everson and has a family of three - two girls and one boy. Phillip died at sea after two years in Nam. Gary, after two years in Nam, left the area and has not been seen since. Judy has three girls and three boys and still lives on her parent's original homestead purchased before World War II. Jeff has three girls and lives in Everson. He was drafted and served two years in Hawaii. Phillip passed away in 1976 and Edith in 1979.



*Bill, Tom, Edith, Della and Charlie, 1974. All have passed away but Tom.*

## SALMON (nee Bond, Dennis), Della

*spoken by Della to Mary Person*

Della married George Dennis whose family lived on the Anderson place at the end of Thompson Road. They built a little house on a 1/2 acre of her Mom and Dad's property. George was a truck driver engaged in hauling wood, scrap metal and assorted materials in the area. They had 6 children.

Their eldest son, Edward, was killed in a freight truck accident in 1980. Second son Vernon died of a massive heart attack on his 52nd birthday in April 1987. Barbara married a boy from the USA and lives in Renton, Washington. Patti lives at home, George lives in Rosedale and Danny lives in Surrey. George and Della separated and George moved to California where he had a junk yard business. He passed away about 1985.



*Della Salmon*

Della married Bob Salmon and they had one boy, Bobby. They built another house just across Yale Road from her first home. She lived on her Dad's property for about 70 years. Bob Salmon has passed away and Della had a heart attack and passed away July 17, 1987. She had 24 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren. Son Bob Salmon and family live beside her little house.

*Bob Salmon*



## BOND, Charlie

*spoken by Mrs. Bond to Mary Person*

Charlie worked for his brother Tom at Boston Bar, and when Tom became a bus driver for Greyhound Bus Lines, Charlie drove for Greyhound also for a few years. Then he got a job at Princeton Breweries. While working there he got TB and had to spend a year and a half at Tranquille. He went back to work for the Breweries and worked there until they closed down. In 1957 he was married for the third time to Mrs. Betty Strobbe. After the Breweries closed down they moved to Kamloops where he logged. In 1967 he bought a dump truck and worked on the Yellowhead highway between Kamloops and Prince George until his health deteriorated at age 70. He passed away four days before his sister, Della did at the age of 72. He had six children. His wife lives in Clearwater, B.C.

## BOND, Sherman

*spoken by Sherman to Mary Person*

Sherman also worked for his brother Tom at Boston Bar. He started driving truck when he was 15 years old. He worked for Vivian Engine Works in Vancouver for two years, and then started driving Greyhound Bus in 1942. He left the bus lines after 20 years. He ran the Kokinee Lodge at Lac LaHache with his second wife for a few years and then got his own trucking business. He has retired now and lives on Birch Island. He raised a family of eight children.



*Tom, Sherman and Charlie Bond, 1974.*

## BOSWELL

*by Sylvia (Boswell) Laughlin*

Sydney and Violet Boswell were married in England in 1927, came to live at Parkbeg, Saskatchewan, until 1940, when they moved to Rosedale. The family lived at 9585 Ford Road while Sydney served overseas with the Royal Canadian Engineers.



*Mr. and Mrs. Sydney Boswell, 60th Wedding Anniversary.*

Since the war, the Boswells have lived in Sardis. The couple's children were Sylvia Laughlin, Joan Murphy, Rosemary Stewart and an only son, Raymond, who passed away in 1982.

The family were active in St. Peter's Anglican Church, where Syd and Violet celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary in 1987.



*Raymond, Sylvia, Joan, Rosemary and Syd. Boswell, 1940's.*

## THE E.E. BOULE FAMILY

by Robert Boule

In 1917 Elvy Boule married Mary M. "Dot" Braithwaite while Elvy was in the army.

After Elvy's discharge from the army in 1918 the Boules moved to Stump Lake near Kamloops and lived there for three years.

In 1922 they moved back to Rosedale where they lived in a small house on the Noble Ryder farm. They then bought a small farm located at 51130 Camp River Road and shipped milk to the Fraser Valley Milk Producers Association.



Seated: Mr. and Mrs. Elvy E. Boule. Standing: Archie, Robert, Edith, O. R. (Blondie) Mauch.

During the depression Elvy was employed with the Department of Highways driving a truck so was able to survive this period.

Elvy and Dot had a family of three: Edith, born in 1918, Robert, "Bob", in 1920, and Archie, in 1929. They all went to Rosedale Elementary School and attended high school in Chilliwack where the Junior Secondary School is now situated.

Dot passed away in 1960.

In 1971 Elvy Boule married Miss Ruth Sharpe and together they enjoyed gardening and beekeeping. They were well known for fine exhibits of produce, fruit and honey at the Chilliwack Fair until Elvy's death in 1981.

Bob worked as an instructor in the Provincial Recreation Program. He joined the army in 1941 and served four years in Canada and overseas with the artillery.

After his discharge from the army he went logging again, at Powell River, the Queen Charlotte Islands and Harrison Lake.

In 1948 Bob married Mary Kormendy and they moved to Harrison Lake where they lived for five years.

In 1952 they returned to Rosedale and purchased the service station and confectionery from David Nevin, operating the store for 15 years as "Bob's Service," now Rosedale Chevron at 51276 Yale Road.

They had a family of four: Terry Anne, deceased, Larry, Lynne and Andy.

During this time Bob was very involved with the Rosedale Athletic Club, Rosedale Fire Department and also coaching and managing the Babe Ruth ball teams for many years. Later he was the organizer for the first Rosedale Canoe Race, and served on the committee for some years.

After selling the store to Harvey and Gwen Bates, Bob went to work in the Chilliwack Post Office in 1968, and Mary, having taken flower arranging courses, worked in both Chilliwack and Agassiz.

Bob took over the Rosedale Post Office in 1973 as Postmaster. Then the Boules moved to Hazelton, British Columbia, in 1978, where Bob is Postmaster and Mary is operating her own flower shop, Boule Flowers (1985).

Archie Boule graduated from Chilliwack High School in 1944, then served in the Canadian Armed Forces from 1944 to 1945. On returning home from the army, he worked on construction and logging until 1955, when he married Jane Ford of Chilliwack, formerly of Paynton, Saskatchewan. They moved to Harrison Lake where they lived and raised two children: Rhonda (Mrs. Jerry Johnson) of Rosedale and Rodney of Fort Nelson. They stayed in the logging camp until 1963, then moved to a farm on Willbourn Road in Rosedale, which they purchased from Mr. Cliff Skelton. Originally the farm at 50995 Willbourn Road was that of Bob McGuire.

Archie and Jane operated the farm, growing filbert nuts, until 1979, when they sold and moved to Miller Drive, Sardis, where they now reside. Archie logged until 1969, then went to work for The District of Chilliwack, where he is still employed.

In 1937, Edith married Oswald Roy "Blondie" Mauch. He worked for the Public Works of British Columbia until transferring to Prince Rupert where he operated a shovel on the highway. They bought the Jim Muirhead farm in 1946, and moved there in 1947. Blondie worked for the Chilliwack Township Municipality for ten years, then bought his own drag line which he sold in 1971. He went back to work for the District of Chilliwack until his retirement in 1980. Edith passed away in 1984.

Edith and Blondie have two children: a son, Robin, and a daughter, Reta.

## NAPOLEON BOULE

information from Hazel (Wilcox) Haines

Napoleon "Nap" Boule, a brother of Elvy Boule, lived in Rosedale for about three years, 1922-1925, owning a lot of 1.7 acres at 10305 McGrath Road north. Mrs. Boule, Esther, was American-born. The family in Rosedale included a daughter, Lillian and youngest son, Leland who attended Rosedale School. An older son Jim had left the family earlier. An older daughter, Blanche with husband and family, lived with the Boule family for a period. Her daughter Hazel Wilcox also attended Rosedale School during one term. Hazel (Wilcox) Haines now lives in Kamloops.

Before coming to Rosedale, the family had been at

Trap Lake in the Kamloops region. Nap was essentially a horseman, dedicated to working draft and saddle horses: their breeding, rearing, breaking, training and driving. He shod horses and drove teams locally, and it is reported that earlier he had driven mule teams on the Cariboo Road.

The family left Rosedale to go to Athabasca, then some time later returned to Kamloops. In later years, Nap visited his brother and worked for some short periods again in Rosedale.

Leland came back to Rosedale about 1940, and after a period in uniform he worked in logging locally, and at Harrison Lake, Powell River, and in the Cariboo. He married Roberta Ryder of Rosedale in 1942. They later divorced. Leland died in Kamloops in 1982.

## THE JAMES BRADLEY FAMILY

*information from Eleanor Mercer*

James Brown Bradley (1842-1916) with his wife and family came to Rosedale from Ontario in 1907. Mr. Bradley was born in Kilkenny, Ireland. Mrs. Bradley (1851-1923), nee Jane Carroll of Wellington County, Ontario, was a sister of Mrs. James Mercer. The James Mercer family had settled in Rosedale some years earlier.

The Bradley property of 10.47 acres after railway



*Mr. and Mrs. James Bradley.*

deletions, was devoted to fruit growing. The large home built in 1911 remains standing today at 51098 Yale Road.

The family consisted of two sons and four daughters, all born in Ontario:

Frederick Thomas (Fred) (1873-1919) took part in the Klondike gold rush, after which he settled in Seattle where he died at age 46.

Sarah Eleanor (1876-1948) was granted permission, shortly after the family arrived in B.C., to teach without a teaching diploma, there being at that time no facilities for teacher training in the province. She is recorded as being principal of Rosedale School in 1911, assisted by Miss Hemming (see Milton MacAlpine reminiscences). After teaching for twenty years she married Sam Shannon of Cloverdale.

Mary Emmeline (Emily), (1878-1959), attended Normal School in Vancouver in its first year of operation. She taught for some years in the Valley before marrying Alex H. Mercer in 1911. They remained Rosedale residents (see Mercer family account).

Bessie Adelaide, born in 1883, married A.E. Wallace in Saskatchewan. Bessie Wallace and family lived later in Rosedale -- see Wallace family account.

Bertha Brown, born in 1886, was the third sister to qualify as a teacher. She is recorded as teaching in New Westminster in 1911, before marriage to Ralph E. Ismon of Vancouver. They had one son, Bradley, and two daughters, Alice and Florence. Mr. Ismon, although resident in Vancouver, retained American citizenship and the children had the distinction of dual citizenship. Members of the Ismon family visited frequently in Rosedale, and for some time after 1920 managed the Bradley property.

Son John Carroll (1889-1941) did not marry. He worked on the home property and is recorded as being a member of the Rosedale Volunteer Fire Brigade in 1913. He moved later to Cloverdale, where he remained associated with the Shannon family until his death.

## THE W.W. BRADLEY FAMILY

*by Nonie (Jackson) Bradley*

William Wilbert Bradley (1887-1949), and his wife Jessie May Price Bradley, accompanied by their two children Robert and Frances, came to Rosedale from Innisfail, Alberta in 1935.

The family lived at 51584 Old Yale Road where they were poultry farmers, shipping eggs by the case. When the farm sold in 1942, Will Bradley lived in Chilliwack and was very well-liked and became the popular "Rawleigh Man" in this area.

While in Rosedale, Mrs. Jessie Bradley was an active member of the United Church "ZWI" group and assisted the Young People's Society in many ways. She is especially remembered for directing plays and giving instruction in elocution.

The Bradley's had an elder daughter, Edith (Marshall), who remained in Alberta. Robert "Bob" (1920-1980), was a youth of fifteen when he came to Rosedale. He worked with his parents on the farm while attending Chilliwack High School. His affiliation with the Rosedale



*Mr. and Mrs. William W. Bradley.*

United Church was to “walk the girls home after Sunday evening services”.

In 1942 Bob married Nonie Jackson. The couple lived for about three years on the C.A. Skelton nut orchards on Camp River Road and later on McGrath Road. For most of his working years, Bob was a truck driver and drove long-distance vans across Canada. For seven years he owned and operated “Brad’s Truck Terminal” in Vancouver. The couple have three children, Donald, Roberta and Norman.

Bob Bradley died in a tragic motor-vehicle accident in 1980, at 59 years of age. He was living in Cache Creek B.C. For Bob, returning to visit Rosedale was “like going home”.

Frances Bradley attended Rosedale Elementary School and Chilliwack Junior High School. She attended Rosedale United Church Sunday School and was a salesclerk in Archibald’s store. While training as a nurse, Frances married Douglas Morrison in 1944 and moved to Taber, Alberta to live.

*Below: Bob and Nonie Bradley.*

*Edith, Bob and Frances Bradley.*



## CHARLES BRAITHWAITE AND FAMILY

*by C. V. Ryder*

Charles Braithwaite (1850-1910) came to the Chilliwack Valley in 1905 with his wife Georgina and daughters Louisa and Margaret, to live on a farm in the Camp Slough area.

He was born in Yorkshire, England, and migrated to Canada at age 20, settling near Portage la Prairie, Manitoba. A brother, William, farmed at Indian Head, Saskatchewan, and moved to the Rosedale area in 1907 (see separate account). A second brother, James, also farmed at Indian Head and moved to the Chilliwack area about 1913 in his retirement years. A third brother, Edmond, lived in Vancouver. A fourth brother, Robert, farmed at Yellow Grass, Saskatchewan. Three sisters also emigrated to Canada, marrying and remaining in eastern Canada.

In Manitoba, Charles Braithwaite was a leader of the Patrons of Industry, a movement which had come via Ontario from the U.S.A. It began as a fraternal organization among the rural population, then developed into a farmers’ purchasing cooperative, then into a political entity, fielding a slate of candidates in one provincial election about 1895. Unsuccessful, the movement subsequently faded. Charles Braithwaite was later in the employ of the provincial Department of Agriculture as an inspector of noxious weeds.

In 1886 he married Georgina Green (1852-1910), a daughter of Jesse Green, an English immigrant and pioneer farmer on the Portage Plains of Manitoba.

The Charles Braithwaite farm at Camp Slough was at the location of the present Camp Slough community hall, and in fact the hall property was deeded to the hall Association from the Braithwaite property, in 1908. A post office was opened on this property in 1905, with Charles Braithwaite as postmaster. The post office was named Munro for a prominent local family and appears thus in directories of the period. (The name Camp Slough was not favoured by the local residents). It was later moved to an address further west, and closed with the introduction of rural routes. In 1908 the Braithwaite family moved to a new house and property on the Gill Road adjacent to the slough, later owned by Mr. C.E. Seymour.

In his five years of residence in Camp Slough, Charles Braithwaite was active in community and church affairs.

Daughters, Louisa and Margaret were of ages 18 and 15 respectively when introduced to Camp Slough. They received their formal education and musical training in Manitoba; Louisa as a pianist and vocalist, Margaret as a vocalist. They participated actively in entertainment events in the community, stimulated by the new community hall.

Orphaned in 1910, the two daughters moved to Rosedale where they lived for several years. Louisa worked for some time in Vancouver, and Margaret in the Kamloops region.

Louisa married G. Noble Ryder --- see separate account.

Margaret (Dot) married Elvy Boule ---- see separate account.



*Mrs. Sarah Braithwaite with sons: William Jr., John Edmond, and Arthur.*

## WILLIAM BRAITHWAITE AND FAMILY

*by C. V. Ryder*

*William Braithwaite* (1853-1923) came to the Valley in 1906 with his wife, Sarah Ellen, and nine children. The tenth child, Glenford, was born in the area in that same year. In the previous year, he had visited his brother Charles, already established in Camp Slough, in company with his brother-in-law James Thompson, and both had purchased parcels of land totalling 180 acres from the Hamilton brothers.

William was one of a family of five brothers and three sisters born in Yorkshire, England (see Charles Braithwaite account). William and Charles settled first in Portage la Prairie, Manitoba, then moved westward to Saskatchewan where they homesteaded in the Qu'Appelle Valley about 1882. The Wm. Braithwaite homestead was located at Wideawake, a short distance from Fort Qu'Appelle.

William and Sarah Ellen Thompson were married in Indian Head, Saskatchewan, in 1887. Sarah (1864-1932) was born in Haliburton County, Ontario. Her sister Clara (Mrs. J.A. Fraser) and her brother James Thompson were both residents of Rosedale in later years.

William was known in his prairie community as a tireless walker and would cover many miles to visit friends and new settlers. He was interested in area affairs and served for some time as Reeve of Assinaboia. In British Columbia he continued his responsible attitude to the community as evidenced by his membership on Chilliwack Municipal Council in 1908.

William Braithwaite established a home on Camp Slough Road, about one-quarter mile west of McGrath Road. Some time after 1910, he moved to a home on Yale Road East in Rosedale, constructed a business block on the northwest corner of the Yale-McGrath intersection. This building accommodated the Royal Bank and Post Office, and a succession of other businesses. Known as the Braithwaite Block, it survived until the mid-1930's.

The oldest son William Jr. (Billy) (1889-1940) acquired land in the Camp Slough area and engaged in poultry farming with his uncle, James Thompson. About 1908 he

married Mary Elizabeth Thompson, daughter of Robert Thompson of Popkum. In 1910 he sold to Charles Braithwaite Sr. and moved to Rosedale where he constructed a building across the street from the new hotel and livery stable, to be occupied by a confectionery and billiard room operated by Frank Kerr. His family included son William Raymond (Tim), and daughters Edna and Frances. Frances, born 1913, was married to George Stade and later to Joseph Delaire (both now deceased). She presently lives at Vedder Crossing.

In the 1914-18 war, William Jr. served in a Canadian force in Siberia sent to help the Czar. After the war, he divorced and re-married, and lived until his death in Vancouver.

Son John Edmond (1890-1944) left the valley to work as a mechanic in the B.C. Interior, and married Lottie Leask of Cranbrook in 1917. He served in the armed forces and lived in Vancouver after return. He had four children, of whom sons Tom and Roger are still living.

Daughter Mary (1891-1959) married George Karr (1890-1969) of Rosedale. She was the only family member to marry locally and remain in the area. The George Karr family includes Edyth (Mrs. Earle Bessett) of Enderby, Charles of Rosedale, Tom of Chilliwack, and Gordon, deceased.

Son Charles was postmaster of Rosedale from 1911 to 1917 (not to be confused with his uncle Chas. Sr. who was at one time postmaster at Camp Slough). He did not marry.

Daughter Martha Anne (Annie) (1893-1945) married Lorne Nevin of Rosedale. They had a daughter Maudie (1913-1922). Her second marriage was to George Moore (1877-1948).

Son Arthur James, born 1895, served in the Canadian Forces and suffered lung damage from gas in the battle of Ypres. He was invalided home, but is later recorded to have been active as Rosedale postmaster in 1918, game warden in 1919, and proprietor of the Rosedale Hotel in 1920. After leaving the area, he was engaged in work related to civil engineering. One son and two daughters are living.

Daughter Mabel attended Rosedale School before

1910. She married Leonard W. Domoney in Rosedale and lived in Lethbridge, Alberta.

Son Robert worked in the P. Close general store in 1921-22.

Daughter Alma moved away and married Joseph Bell.

Son George Glenford (Glen or Dave), (1906-1968) was youngest of the family. He was referred to as Dave because of association with Dave Nevin. He married Lillian Cole. His son, also Glenford, lives in North Vancouver.

In 1922 William Braithwaite Sr. and Sarah left Rosedale to retire in Vancouver. About the same time, Charles, Glen and Robert left the area with George Moore to operate a plastering and general contracting business in Vancouver, leaving only Mary Karr of the family in Rosedale.



*George and Mary (Braithwaite) Karr.*

## THE BRANNICK FAMILY

*by J. Patterson*

Joseph Brannick Senior and his wife originally purchased land at the corner of the Gibson and Chilliwack Central Roads. They had two sons, Joseph, Jr., and Mathew. Two of Mrs. Brannick's family from a previous marriage, Ludwig and Grace Snider, also came west at about the same time.

Mathew Brannick married Isobelle Muirhead and they had two sons, Everett and Stewart. Everett died during the first war. Stewart farmed for a time in Alberta then moved back to Chilliwack and farmed on the Adolph Peterson farm at 51075 Chilliwack Central Road.



*Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Brannick, Sr.*

Mathew farmed the original farm for a time then moved to Camp Slough District. Later he moved to Annis Road and retired from there. Mat is credited with having cleared more than 200 acres of land in the area.

Joseph Brannick Jr. homesteaded on the corner of Chilliwack Central and Snider Road (later Annis Road), and proved up on this property in 1883. He married Mary Jane Wallace, the first schoolteacher in the East Chilliwack District in 1891. About this time Mrs. Brannick's sister, Mrs. John Cameron came to the Rosedale district and settled on what is now 51260 Nevin Road.

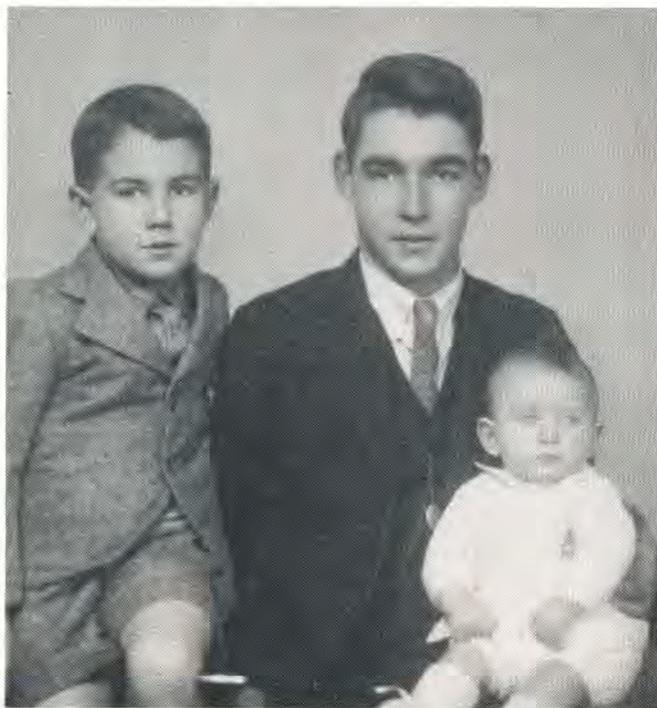
Joseph Brannick Jr. had five children: Mary (Mrs. John Hickman), Pearl (Mrs. Thornton Patterson, later Mrs. Frank Akeroyd), Errol (Mrs. Marten Caine), Clarke (married Amy MacKenzie), Lillian, died in infancy.

*Seated: Joseph and MaryJane Brannick. Standing: Errol, Pearl, Mary, Clarke.*



Mary Hickman had three children: Phyllis, Maurice and Thomas.

Pearl Patterson had one son, Joe, by her first marriage and two sons by her second marriage, James and Clarke. Clarke married Margaret Bustin.



*Jim Akeroyd, Joe Patterson, Clarke Akeroyd.*

Joe Patterson played baseball and basketball for Rosedale and served for a time on the Hall board, and one term as president.

Errol Caine had four children: Geoffery, Marion, Alfred, and Dorothy. Dorothy married Harold McGrath. Marion attended Rosedale school.

J. Clarke the only son of Joseph Brannick Jr. was educated in the East Chilliwack public school and in Chilliwack High School. He attended Vancouver Normal School and then joined the RCNVR and was stationed at Esquimalt. After the war he taught school at McBride, B.C. for a year. He then taught at Rosedale School where he met Amy McKenzie and married her in 1926.

During this time Clarke was very active in sports, basketball and baseball, hunting and fishing. In 1925 he was elected to the district school board where he served for some years as Trustee, then as the Chairman and later as President of the FVMPA. Both he and Amy played basketball for Rosedale in the loft of the old livery barn.

During this time Clarke became a very successful dairy farmer and was very active in the Fraser Valley Milk Producers Association. On leaving the school board he became a Director then President of the F.V.M.P.A., where he served until shortly before his death in 1967.

Clarke Brannick had one adopted son, Allan, now deceased, and who married Joan Moore, the grand-

daughter of another pioneer couple.

There are at the present time seven generations represented in the Brannick family and two of the third generation are still living, Mary and Errol. Mary, at the age of 92 years, has just finished her second book, "Memories of Early Days".

\*Mary Hickman died in 1986.



*Clarke and Amy Brannick.*

*Below: Clarke Brannick with a brace of pheasants, 1920.*





*Allan and Joan Brannick.*

## THE ALFRED AND T.A. BROWN FAMILIES

*F. Bryant from material supplied by Audrie Brown-LeClerq with additional information by Jane Webster of Sardis, B.C.*

Accompanied by sons Maurice and Ellis, Alfred and Jane Brown came to Rosedale from the Middleton-in-Teesdale area of England in the early 1920's at the urging of their son T.A. Brown. For the first year Mr. and Mrs. Brown Senior lived in very primitive accommodation, in out-buildings on the Tom Brown homestead high up on the mountainside off Nixon Hill Trail. The winter of 1922 was very cold with deep snow and often in the morning the snow would be on the bed clothes, having blown in the cracks during the night. This was a dramatic change for the couple who had left a good home in the North of England for pioneering in B.C.

In the spring Alfred and his wife moved to McMillan Rd., Rosedale, where they lived with the J.M. McMillan family who helped them build a small house on an 80 acre parcel, on the bench land to the south of McElwee Rd.

The family of four were able to move to their own home for the winter of 1923. Alfred and Jane Brown were quiet living folk who enjoyed a visit from anyone who came to see them in their remote mountainside home. Alfred kept busy in the garden and keeping the woodshed full of firewood. Sons Maurice and Ellis found



*Alfred and Jane Brown.*



*Ellis and Maurice Brown.*

work with local farmers in harvest season, and later in logging in the Harrison Lake area. For many years Maurice was employed by Freeland-Macken Mills as a scaler and electrician. Ellis worked at a cedar mill in Hammond and lived in Coquitlam. He had five daughters: Beverley, Barbara, Brenda, Karen and Kelly.

During the severe ice storms of the winter of 1935, Maurice worked with a companion from the Elk Creek Water Works Company to keep the water flowing in the intake systems of the Dunville and Nevin Creeks. It was an around-the-clock job to remove the ice jams. In an isolated situation with no contact with the outside, the community of Rosedale and much of Chilliwack would have been without water for some days.

A daughter of Alfred and Jane Brown also emigrated to Canada in 1919 with her husband Charles Webster. The couple lived in Vancouver with their four children; Jane, Mary Agnes, William George and Robert Charles.

The children enjoyed visits to Rosedale to stay with their grandparents. Jane, the co-author of this report, lived with her grandparents for some years and has continued to make the Valley her home.

Thomas Arthur Brown came to Victoria, B.C. from England, prior to 1914. Here he studied engineering and worked for the Esquimalt-Nanaimo Railway. He met a schoolteacher, Evelyn LeClercq, an emigrant from the Island of Jersey. Tom and Evelyn were married in 1919 following his military career. Tom Brown enlisted at the outbreak of the First World War in the Royal Victoria Rifles, and later served with the First Canadian Pioneer Regiment. He served in France until the cessation of hostilities in 1918.



*Thomas and Evelyn Brown.*

A victim of shell shock and hoping that a quiet environment would be helpful he bought the Nixon Hill property sight - unseen while living in Victoria.

The family first lived in the village of Rosedale in a house on the South East corner of Ford and Sache Streets. The Nixon Hill property had been homesteaded by Sam Holt and a small log house was already there. In a remote location, it was a very simple life, but there was a good orchard and garden and it boasted the only home with piped water, from a spring nearly two miles away. During the crash of 1929 Tom and his family tried living in Coquitlam where Tom obtained work in the CPR roundhouse. Unfortunately, the noise and excitement were too much for him and he returned to the Nixon Hill property again.

The couple had a family of two sons and daughter Audrie. The long walk (3 1/2 miles) each way to school in Rosedale meant that Audrie did not start school until nearly 10 so her Mother taught her at home. The children developed a keen appreciation for nature and enjoyed the trees, wild flowers, birds and animals that they saw along the road. Audrie went to live in Vancouver where she completed her High School education. Life was hard and money almost non-existent, but Tom worked in the woods as he was able. In 1942 following the invasion of Pearl Harbour, Tom served in the Air Raid Precautions

Unit of Rosedale as a member of the First Aid Team. He attended Rosedale United Church for many years where he sang in the choir.

Following the death of Tom A. Brown in 1966, Mrs. Evelyn Brown moved to Chilliwack, where she lived until her death in 1982.

Life in Rosedale had never been easy for this or many families, but as more settlers came to the area, it was not quite so isolated and good neighbours were appreciated.

Donald Brown, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom A. Brown, served overseas in the Second World War following in his father's footsteps in many places. Upon his discharge he married and farmed in the Edmonton area of Alberta and also taught school. The couple have a family of five children; David Allan, Eric Douglas, Gordon Donald, Timothy Sandor and Casey Thomas. Now retired, Donald enjoys a hobby of searching for pre-historic remains in the Bad Lands of Alberta in the Drumheller area.

The second son of Tom and Evelyn Brown died a tragic



*Donald and Audrie Brown.*

death as a youth while living on Nixon Hill with his parents.

The daughter, Audrie Brown LeClercq, married George Burke of Burnaby. In 1958 she moved to the United States, where she has been a successful business woman. Her memories of childhood are certainly not all happy ones, but she speaks fondly of persons who did help them, and of her interest in good books and of the life-long interest in nature and the environment that she developed as a child on Nixon Hill. She is quoted:

*"My strongest memory from the farm"*

*"I cannot have been more than five, but I remember it was Christmas Eve. We (my brother and I) knew there would be no presents, we already knew there was no Santa Claus. We knew my parents were waiting for some people to come, we weren't sure who they were, but we were allowed to stay up. It was a wild night, with heavy snow and a gusty wind blowing the snow into drifts.*

*"By midnight, I could feel my mother's despair. Somehow I sensed we had little or nothing in the house to eat,*



*Our farm on Nixon Hill.*

other than what was in the root cellar. The house was warm from the kitchen wood stove, the oil lamp casting shadows in the corners of the kitchen as we sat and waited. Just as we were going to go up to bed, we hear feet stamping on the doorstep and a knock came on the door. Never were two men more welcome! To this day, I don't know who they were, only that they came from Chilliwack Community Chest, and they had somehow made their way up the hill and walked in from the main road, carrying a lantern and a wooden box.

"Oh, the magic of that wooden box! It must have been heavy. My mother pounced on the package of meat - a roast! I remember there were some tins of food, some oranges, and I am sure other things, but as far as I was concerned, the jackpot was two books - to me, treasure unheard of. I had read, and read, and reread all the books in the house (I could read at age 3) and to actually have two new ones!

"I will never, never forget that time when two men cared more for others than for their own comfort, and battled the blizzard to reach us when we needed them the most. To me, I will always remember this as the true spirit of Christmas and living Christianity."

## **CHARLES F. BROWN**

*by Sandra Hickman*

Charles Freeman Brown and his wife Alice Olivia emigrated to Canada from England in 1904. The couple farmed in Saskatchewan for many years where their family of five children were born. Suffering from the drought of the late 1920's and the early 1930's when the depression was at its worse, the family left the prairies in search of a more favourable place to live and literally to find "greener pastures".

Arriving in the Rosedale area in 1936 the Browns rented a small farm at 50840 Chilliwack Central Road from Mr. Tippen. The next spring they moved to the Tribe farm at 51710 Old Yale Road where they spent several years. Then they relocated to a larger 46 acre farm at 10065 McGrath road just south of the Rosedale Elementary School. Later retiring from the dairy farming, the Browns operated a poultry farm on Yale road before

moving to Reece Avenue Chilliwack to retire.

Charles and Alice had five children: One son George of Abbotsford, B.C; and four daughters: Olive (deceased), Betty MacDonald of Castlegar, Dolly Willbourn of White Rock and Phyllis Jackson of Sardis, B.C.

Perhaps best known to Rosedale is Dolly who married Earnest Willbourn and the couple lived at 10758 McGrath road, having purchased the Baxter Anderson farm that was on both sides of the Hope river.

The Willbourns raised their family there. (see Willbourn account).

## **WILLIAM F. BROWN**

*by F.H. Bryant*

William Fairfax Brown, best known as Bill to a wide circle of friends of all ages, was born in Chippen Campden, England, in the year 1895. At the age of seventeen he emigrated to Canada travelling with his older brother who had earlier come to Canada and had returned home for a visit. Travelling by boat and train, he joined his brother in a small one room cabin on the homestead on April 12th, 1912, 22 miles west of Didsbury, Alberta.

While Bill's home in England did not have central heating, Bill found the prairie winters severe. "You could throw a cat between the boards on the walls" were Bill's own words as he told of stoking the fire in the heater in the morning to thaw out the water in the pail. Bill soon staked his own homestead claim and told of his early efforts to get established as a farmer. In 1915 Bill's brother enlisted and went overseas and returned bringing his bride with him. Bill struck out on his own homestead and married in 1925. His bride was Minnie Oliver, a widow of Didsbury, Alberta.

After 27 years of hard work, that included the great depression of the early '30's, Bill relocated to Rosedale, B.C. in 1939. In setting up buildings on land where no buildings had been before at 50817 Castleman Road, Bill bought and moved a house that had recently been built just to the east of his site. He also told of working with A.I.J. Lockyer to dismantle part of the two room school at the corner of Yale and McGrath Roads. Lumber from this building helped to frame the fine dome shaped barn roof that is outstanding in appearance. Bill shipped milk, drove a good team of horses and always had a good brood sow or two around. The Browns always had a good flock of chickens and many local people got their favourite brown eggs from Bill.

Bill's hobby was model-railroading and his large basement was full of hundreds of feet of track, passenger and freight trains, complete with real Alberta and B.C. mountains, tunnels, farms, grain elevators, stockyards, lighted signals, stations and water towers. While this had taken countless hours to assemble and build, nothing gave Bill more pleasure and pride and satisfaction than to set the switches in motion for a group of children, and many a boy and girl thrilled to its operation.

In England Bill's family were active in the Church of England and Bill soon found his way to the Anglican Church of St. Peter after moving to Rosedale. It had

been Bill's habit all his life to be found in church on Sunday and when the local Anglican church was inactive for a period, Bill started attending Rosedale United Church. The people here made him feel welcome and Bill has been a much loved and revered member of the congregation for over 25 years. It was during the ministry of Rev. B.B. Smyth that Bill was made an honorary member of the Church Session, as Bill continued his membership in the Anglican Church. Bill also took a keen interest in his community and had been a member of the Rosedale Athletic Club ever since moving here. The writer of this article recalls Bill encouraging him to be active with young people over forty years ago.

Perhaps Bill is best known to many for his talent with the drums and accordion. Bill spoke of his musical career and I quote his own words. "Thinking of my musical career, I played for my first dance in October 1915, with my accordion and with a man on violin and another on piano. It was nothing to ride twelve or fifteen miles on saddle horse to play and take my accordion when some nights it might be fifteen or twenty below zero. For about the last ten years in Alberta, my two brothers and myself, with a fourth man on piano, played at dances around the district. I played drums then and we travelled by car which was much easier, but many is the time we had to buck snowdrifts to get home early in the morning." As a member of Don Northgraves Orchestra he has brought pleasure, peace and mental prosperity to countless numbers as he has played at numerous family dances at Camp River and at wedding receptions in the valley and distant points.

Bill was widowed in 1966 but always had his grandchildren and great-grandchildren around him and we all thought of him as a quiet, dignified and friendly gentleman. As he approached 90 years of age, his courage and steadfastness in accepting surgery and allied recovery for ailing limbs is a constant reminder to all who knew him, of his great faith in God and concern for his fellow man.

W.F. "Bill" Brown died on February 3rd, 1987, and is buried in the Anglican Cemetery, Chilliwack, B.C.

## HERBERT BRUSH

*by Fred Bryant*

Herb Brush, with daughter Mina, is well-remembered as a resident of a 20 acre farm at the northeast corner of Old Yale and Bustin Roads. This parcel was purchased from A.C. Henderson, circa 1905. There was a fine home already there at the present address of 10346 Bustin Road.

Herb Brush was a great horseman and he built a fine set of barns and stables that were always kept painted and in good repair. The property was a most picturesque setting with the Hope river running through it. Mr. Brush developed a fine grove of cedar and maple trees. This was a very popular picnic site for Sunday School and other groups. Around the grove of trees Mr. Brush constructed a horse driving ring and track, and it was his great pleasure to drive his team and buggy on this track. When a group was there for a picnic it was always a great thrill



*Herb Brush and his daughter Mina, 1910 or 1915.*

for the children, and older folk as well, to be asked to have a ride in the horse and buggy or democrat.

Herb was active in the Presbyterian Church in the early years. However, following his marriage to Mary Jane Day, circa 1908, the couple became active in Saint Peter's Anglican Church, when it was organized in 1912. Herb's daughter, Mina, married Fred Thompson of Popcum.

Mr. and Mrs. Brush moved to the farm address of 51614 Old Yale Road early in the 1920's, and the Bustin Road place was occupied by a Mr. and Mrs. Foster. About 1923-24 the large home was destroyed by fire. The



*Herb Brush's farm.*



*Mrs. Irene Carter, Mrs. Herb Brush and Mrs. James Dougherty, 1920's.*

20 acre parcel was then bought by George Bryant. The horse barn was dismantled and in the ice storm of January 1935 the large barn collapsed under the weight of snow. George Bryant built a new house at the address of 10346 Bustin Road and this was leased to Mr. and Mrs. George Hope for some years. It was purchased by Mr. and Mrs. Irwin MacGregor in 1954. Mr. and Mrs. MacGregor built a new home at 10402 Bustin Road and the former house and two other lots were subdivided off.

Herb Brush died in 1933. His widow Mary Jane Brush died in 1954 at 88 years of age. Both are buried in the Anglican Cemetery, Mt. Shannon, Chilliwack, B.C.

Since 1938 the Brush farm has been occupied by Robert Collett.

Wheeler Brush, a brother of Herb Brush also lived on Old Yale Road for a number of years circa 1905-1919 with his wife and two sons Wayne and Don. The boys attended Rosedale School. Francis Henderson recalls good times when the boys could borrow Uncle Herb's driving horse and buggy. Accompanied by her sister Martha, the four young people would go for a drive.

## GEORGE HENRY BRYANT

*by F. Bryant*

George H. Bryant emigrated to Canada from England in 1907. Arriving in Agassiz via CPR he crossed the Fraser by Indian canoe. He worked on several farms in Sardis, enlisted in the Canadian Army in 1914 and served overseas in France and Greece.

He returned in 1918, bringing his bride Gertrude Ruth with him. After a few months in Sardis, where Donald was born, he came by team and wagon with his family, household possessions, a crate of chickens and a milk cow walking behind, to a forty acre farm now 51260 Nevin Road.

George Bryant engaged in mixed farming and established a herd of purebred Ayrshire Cattle and Tamworth Swine. Using the Herd name, Rosebrook Farms, he also had a flock of sheep and Clydesdale horses.

He was active in Community affairs and with his wife,

Ruth, conducted an inter-denominational Sunday School at Popkum for nearly 20 years in the 1920's and 30's.

He worked in the formation of the FVMPA Dairy Cooperative, was the Rosedale member on the Executive of Branch 4 Royal Canadian Legion, and was active in the Liberal Party.

The family home was a focal point for the neighbourhood, as many came to use the phone, borrow something, or ask advice. Always interested in helping someone get started, many a young man or couple received food and shelter and a helping hand from Mr. Bryant. A deeply religious man, he championed the observance of the Sabbath and often quoted the verse "righteousness exaltheth a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people".

They had five sons: Donald, Fred, Leslie, Harry, Phillip, and daughter Phyllis. In 1943 they opened their home to two little girls, Myrna and Imelda, who they later adopted.

With the help of his family he acquired large land holdings. After the disastrous flooding of the farm at Hatzic Prairie in 1948, George and Ruth with the younger members of the family, moved there.



*George and Ruth Bryant and family on their 25th Wedding Anniversary, 1943. Seated: George, Mrs. Anna Bryant, Ruth. Standing: Fred, Phyllis, Harry, Leslie, Phillip, Donald.*

## THE FAMILY OF GEORGE AND RUTH BRYANT

by F. Bryant

Donald was an active member of the Rosedale community. He served on the Rosedale Hall Board, was chairman of the Rosedale Ratepayers and the Rosedale Local of the FVMPA. In 1943 he married Eleanor Wallace and the couple have five children, Ruth, Ronald, Donna, David and Margaret.

The family became very active in the 4-H Club movement and Donald as a leader served as president of the Chilliwack 4-H Senior Council, while he was leader of the Chilliwack 4-H Ayrshire Club.

In 1975 the family retired from dairying and moved to McLeese Lake, B.C. where they engaged in beef ranching. Several new approaches to cultivation and fertilization were attempted and the first sweet market corn was successfully grown.

In McLeese Lake the family were active in community and 4-H Club work. A community hall was built and a source of irrigation water was obtained that benefitted several area residents.

Don Bryant died in 1985 and is buried in the Soda Creek Cemetery.

Fred Bryant was very active in Rosedale United Church where he was a Sunday School Teacher and Youth Group Leader for over forty years. In 1963 he was ordained an Elder of the United Church of Canada and has served as a lay speaker in many church services. Like his father he was an active 4-H Club leader and had the distinction of coaching six provincial Championship teams in Junior Livestock judging in the 1940's. In one year he coached both a dairy and swine judging team, a record that has never been equalled. He served as a 4-H Club leader for seventeen years during which time he was chairman of the B.C. 4-H Leaders Council. He served as president of the Chilliwack and District Agricultural Society and led the Chilliwack Fair for the 101st and 102nd Fair. In 1987 he exhibited for the 60th consecutive year at the fair. Fred was often called upon to Judge at local Fairs and has the distinction of judging at nearly every Fall Fair in the province.

He served on the Board of the Rosedale Athletic Club for a number of years and was President for 1985-86, the year that the successful Rosedale Homecoming was organized.

Fred married Marjorie Stronach and the couple have three sons: Gordon, Paul and Robert. In 1974 the family company Rosebrook Farms Ltd. dispersed the herd of Purebred Yorkshire and Tamworth swine and developed a new dairy complex, utilizing a Rotary Milking Parlour. In 1979 the Purebred Ayrshire herd was relocated to Leduc, Alberta and the sheep flock was sold. Fred and Marge built a new home on Nevin Road and the farm property was sold.

In 1945 Leslie took over the operation of the family property on Castleman Rd. In 1948 he married Nellie Nicklin of Duncan B.C. and the couple went ranching at Aspen Grove, B.C. They have two daughters, Valerie and Lila. Les has been active in Purebred Hereford organizations and the Cattlemens Assn. He has served as

Electoral Area Director on the Board of Thompson Nicola Regional District for nearly twenty years.

Harry Bryant attended Chilliwack High School and the University of British Columbia where he graduated in the Faculty of Agriculture. He married Susan Koositra of Dewdney and has operated the family farm at Hatzic Prairie for the past thirty-five years. He has been an active 4-H Club leader and served on the Board of Directors of the Canadian Ayrshire Breeders Assn. The couple have three children: daughters Joanne and Mary, and son Kenneth.

Daughter Phyllis, obtained her teaching certificate at the Provincial Normal School and taught at Pouce Coupe, Lake Errock and Dewdney Elementary Schools. She married Timothy Koositra and the couple have a son Rick and daughter Karen. They now live at Sorrento B.C. where she is a Librarian and Counsellor at the local Elementary School.

Daughter Myrna, with her sister Imelda, were adopted by George and Ruth Bryant and attended elementary schools in Rosedale, and Hatzic Prairie and high school in Mission B.C. Myrna served in the R.C.A.F. and married Michael Carrier of Montreal. The couple had a family of one son and two daughters. Myrna is presently an office worker and lives in Coquitlam, B.C.

Imelda married David Kuriak, has a family of six children and presently resides in Prince George, B.C.

## REMEMBERING

by F.H. Bryant

A story that my mother, Gertrude Ruth Bryant, used to enjoy telling in later years about her first days on the farm as an English War Bride, recalled the time in the early 1920's when she was at the barn helping with the evening chores.

They had a mother pig who was expecting her family, and while George sat milking the cows by hand he heard familiar noises coming from below the barn floor. This meant that mother pig had crawled in under the barn, which was a few feet off the ground, to make a nest for her family.

Concerned for the safety of the piglets, George crawled under the barn to investigate, taking a lighted kerosene lantern with him. Mrs. Pig would have no one intruding and immediately attacked George who beat a hasty retreat. During this episode the lantern was knocked over and the glass broken causing the straw and rubble to be ignited. George called to Ruth to bring him pails of water. Poor Ruth, unable to find any empty pails but fearing the fire, quickly threw two full pails of milk onto the ground and went to the creek to get water. Luckily the fire was extinguished but the threat of fire remained the main worry of Ruth. The old house had many chimney fires and several close calls. One cold night Donald as a young lad went on the roof and water handed up, quickly froze, and the roof became a sheet of ice. Donald had a nasty fall as he slid to the ground.

In 1938 as the family grew out of the depression, the old house was remodelled and rooms added, and running water and electricity installed. When asked which of the

modern conveniences she liked best, Ruth did not hesitate to say the brick chimney. This replaced the tin stove pipes that had caused so much concern.

The home first had a wood burning stove with a water reservoir on the side, then a metal water tank with a water-coil in the fire-box. Later, a sawdust burning cook stove was used, and lastly, an oil burning stove. Mother never did get to use the modern gas or electric models with all the hot water one needed.

## REGINALD ARTHUR BRYANT

*by F. Bryant*

In 1924 George was joined on a neighbouring farm at 51440 Nevin road by his mother, Anna Bryant, and brother, Reginald Arthur. Reg and Grannie were active in the Union Church (Methodist and Presbyterian) where Reg was superintendent of the Sunday School for several years before going into full time Missionary Service.

Mr. Bryant worked in Missionary Service first on Vancouver's skid row and with Indian villages on Vancouver Island. In 1933 he sailed for China where for five years he served, before succumbing to pneumonia in 1938. He learnt the Chinese language, adopted their dress, and was dearly loved by many Chinese.



*Reginald A. Bryant prior to 1930.*

Grannie Bryant lived in the village at 51295 Yale Road until she was 94 years old. Her home was the starting place of the Pentecostal Holliness Church built in 1948. She made the first donation to the building fund of \$400 in her son's memory. Anna Bryant died at age 97 and is buried in the I.O.O.F. cemetery in Chilliwack, B.C.

## THE J.E. BUCKINGHAM FAMILY

*by Milfred Buckingham*

Jabez Edgar Buckingham and Elva Buckingham came to Rosedale from Eburne B.C. in 1925 and resided at 51633 Yale Rd. East nearly forty years. Their four sons Howard E., Milfred L., Wendall L., and Arthur E., accompanied their parents to Rosedale.

Ed Buckingham managed the 100-acre farm of Alex H. Mercer during the period that Mr. Mercer was active in the Fraser Valley Milk Producers Association and



*Elva and Edgar Buckingham.*

developed a fine herd of registered Holstein dairy cattle. He also farmed a 40 acre parcel on the west side of Ford Road and it is remembered that one year the entire parcel had coiled hay in very uniform and straight rows. Another year the field was planted in flax. Flax was a new experimental type crop but the season proved to be too short for the crop to fully ripen. The following spring it was burned and made a spectacular sight of flame and very white smoke.

Ed Buckingham grew a large acreage of oats and barley for threshing and required the service of the custom threshing outfit for two or three full days. Mr. Buckingham was, in addition, a very progressive farmer and was active in the local FVMPA. He is remembered for his leadership as the local representative in the TB testing program and in distributing the warble fly control powder. He served also on the Heavy Horse Committee of the Chilliwack Fall Fair.

Ed and Elva Buckingham were active and faithful members of Rosedale United Church. Mrs. Buckingham was well-known for leadership in the Ladies Aid and for

her work in the annual fall suppers. Mr. Buckingham served on Committee of Stewards and as a trustee for many years. Both were very supportive of the Boys' Work groups in the Church and helped with many bean suppers. Mrs. Buckingham cooked at the Cultus Lake Boys' Camp several years. She was active in the Rosedale Elementary School PTA and along with Mrs. Albert Martin was responsible for the noon school lunch soup program during the depression years.

Both Ed and Elva Buckingham were keenly interested in sports and the Community and served for many years in the Rosedale Athletic Club. As Hall managers they were responsible for many of the arrangements for dances and sport activities. The couple were so involved that the Hall was affectionately known as "Buckingham Palace".

In 1946 Mr. Mercer sold the farm to Charles Mott Henning and the Buckinghams retired from active farming. They continued to have a good garden and take part in community life. Mrs. Buckingham passed away in 1963 and Mr. Buckingham in 1974. Both are buried in the I.O.O.F. Cemetery in Chilliwack, B.C.

Howard married Thelma Morgan in 1942 and for some time worked with Mr. Henning on the farm. They have one daughter Jane, who married Paul Gagnon and now lives in Surrey, B.C. Later Howard and family moved to Prince George where he worked at retail dairy and construction. He returned to Rosedale in 1970 and purchased the Stuart Nelson farm on Yale Road. Thelma passed away in 1978 and Howard is now living in Popkum, married to Lenora Green.

Milfred married Val Downing in 1943 and the couple have two daughters Judy and Linda. Milfred worked for 36 years as a carpenter at CFB, Vedder Crossing, and



*Milfred, Howard, Wendall, Arthur Buckingham.*

lives at Cultus Lake. Both were active in the Cultus Lake Memorial Church and recently in the O.A.P.

In memory of Elva Buckingham, Milfred made and donated the Communion table for Rosedale United Church.

Wendall married Joyce Standeven in 1946 and lived in Prince George for 15 years, working at farming, retail dairy and logging. Joyce taught school for some time in Prince George. In 1961 Wendall and family moved to

Chilliwack Central and owned two dairy farms until 1977. They have two daughters, Betty and Nancy, and one son Lloyd. Wendall and Joyce built a retirement home at 51045 Yale Road; then moved to Chilliwack in 1987.

Arthur married Marion Welsh and they had 3 daughters, Sharon, Marilyn, and Leslie. After a short time in Rosedale they moved to Prince George and worked at the retail dairy and as a fireman on the CNR. In 1963 they moved to Burnaby, B.C. and Art continued to work for the CNR on runs to Boston Bar. He was killed in a train accident near Boston Bar in 1968. Marion has lived in the Rosedale area since 1982.

## THE WILLIAM BURNETT FAMILY

*by Alice (Burnett) Oldham*

William "Billy" and his wife Ethel (Potter) Burnett were both born in England and emigrated to Canada and Victoria, B.C. in 1915. They moved to Rosedale from East Sooke, Vancouver Island in 1927 and were accompanied by their two daughters Alice and Gladys. Billy's bachelor brother George Burnett also came with them and worked on the farm until his tragic death in a farm harvesting accident involving a runaway team of horses at Sardis.

The family lived at 10901 McGrath Rd. on a small 13 acre dairy farm purchased from James McLeod. They sold their milk and cream and homemade butter on Rosedale's first Home Milk Delivery. Water was pumped by hand to water the herd of Jersey cows and to cool the milk. What was not sold in glass quart bottles to the 40-50 customers in the village was separated and churned by hand into butter. The evening and morning milk would be delivered in the late morning.

I recall one disastrous morning when I was still quite

*Below: Gladys, Ethel, Billy and Alice Burnett, 1929.*



small and Mother had over 100 glass bottles of milk on the big kitchen table and just as the caps were being put on the bottles, the table broke and there was broken glass and milk everywhere. I remember that my young sister Gladys and I were sent outside, while the mess was cleaned up. I guess that some customers went without milk that day.

Gladys and I attended Rosedale Elementary School and I remember two fine teachers, Miss Parton and Miss Auld. Miss Parton took time to teach sewing and needlework which I especially appreciated.

William "Billy" Burnett was born in 1874 and died in 1943. Later Mrs. Ethel Burnett married her farm neighbour of many years, J.W. "Jimmy" Dougherty.

The couple enjoyed a long retirement in Chilliwack until Ethel (Burnett) Dougherty's death in 1984 at ninety years of age.



*Home of W.J. Burnett and family.*

## THE BUSTIN FAMILIES

*by Burney Church*

Richard and Samuel Bustin, twin sons of Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Bustin, were born January 3, 1869 in Lancaster County, England. At the age of 16 years they came to Canada and worked in Hamilton, Ontario. In 1891 they came to Vancouver and that fall they came to the Chilliwack valley.

They bought 90 acres, known as the Johnny Williams place, which was heavily timbered. The properties are identified as 10650, the Samuel Bustin farm, and 10912, the Dick Bustin farm, on Bustin Road. They worked for other farmers and at mining to earn money to clear their land.

On September 28, 1898, Richard, known as "Dick," married Margaret Vallance, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Vallance and granddaughter of Mrs. J. Brannick, Sr.

Samuel married Bessie Day in 1907.

The 90 acres were divided between the brothers and Bustin Road was built in 1909, named for the twins.

Sam and Bessie had no children. Dick and Margaret had eight children, five boys and three girls, namely: Sidney, Percy, Arnold, Lorne, William, Harriet, Gertrude and Laura.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Bustin helped with the founding of Saint Peter's Anglican Church in Rosedale and were charter members.



*Mr. and Mrs. Dick Bustin.*

*Mr. and Mrs. Sam Bustin.*



Mrs. R. Bustin was a charter member of the Women's Auxiliary and a long-time member of the Upper Camp River Women's Institute and was active in community work.

Dick Bustin was kept busy on the farm but he also was foreman of the provincial government roads for a number of years.

As the boys grew up, Sidney and Arnold hauled milk by team and wagon to the Fraser Valley Milk Producers Association plant at Sardis.

Sidney married Clara King and they had one son, Allan.

Percy passed away at an early age, unmarried.

Arnold married a widow, Elizabeth (Burney) Colliss, who had a young son, Robert (Bob) Colliss. Shirley and Fred were born to Arnold and Burney.

Harriet married Charles Stewart and had one son, Ronald, and one daughter, Joan.

Gertrude married Douglas Galloway and had a son, Dick, and daughter, Donna.

Lorne married Betty Craig and they had Margaret, Lorne Jr. and Beth.

William (Bill) married Mabel Willbourn and had Edward (Ted) and Marilyn.

Laura married Ken Tribe and they had a daughter, Beverly.

Sidney and Arnold did trucking and worked on the draining of Sumas Lake. Arnold, Lorne and Bill all had farms in Rosedale. Ken Tribe also farmed but later ran a grocery store in Rosedale. Lorne worked for 20 years on the provincial government roads.

Arnold and Bill did custom farm work, silo filling, threshing and grain grinding.

Charles Stewart and Doug Galloway worked for Brett's Ltd. in Chilliwack.



*The Bustin Family, 1949. Top row, l to r: Doug Galloway, Lorne, William, Arnold Bustin, Ken Tribe. 3rd row: Gert Galloway, Betty, Mabel (Willbourn) Bustin, Burney Bustin Church, Laura Tribe. 2nd row: Margaret, Shirley Bustin, Mrs. and Mr. Dick Bustin, Joan and Harriet Stewart. 1st row: Allen, Beth, Lorne Jr., Marilyn Bustin, Beverly Tribe and Ted Bustin.*

Charles Stewart died after returning from World War II. Harriet married Walter Holmes of Rosedale who had three daughters: Shirley, Dorothy and Laura. Harriet is the only remaining living member of the Richard Bustin family. She resides at Eden Rest Home in Chilliwack. Betty Bustin lives at Aldergrove, and Mabel Bustin at Osoyoos. Burney Bustin, after 13 years of widowhood, married A.G.C. Church. They reside in Chilliwack.

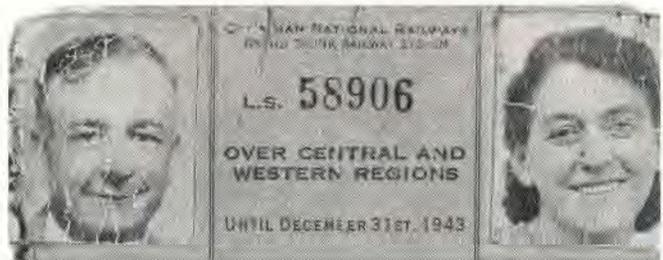
Of the succeeding generations of the Richard Bustin family, there are 14 grandchildren, 35 great-grandchildren, and 24 great-great grandchildren (numbers increasing yearly). These total seven generations on Mrs. Bustin's side of the family. Many of these descendants still live in the area.

Harriet passed away in 1989.

## THE FRANK BUTLER FAMILY

*by Garfield Butler*

Frank Butler was born in Bristol, England in 1888 and came to Winnipeg as a young man where he worked as a bartender. Shortly before World War I his family asked him to return to England to help out with the family grocery business. He returned home, but when war broke out he decided to enlist. The pay was better with the Canadian Army than with the British so he returned to Winnipeg to enlist. He was sent to France where he served for four years. After the war he returned to Winnipeg and he married Lillian in 1917. Lillian had been born in Yorkshire, England in 1900 and had come to Canada when she was six years old.



*Frank and Lillian Butler.*

The newlyweds moved to Vancouver in the fall of 1917. Jobs were scarce but Frank was able to get work as a painter for the CNR. In 1918 they obtained a Soldier Settlement Farm and moved to a 10-acre farm on Pelly Road in Rosedale, just over the slough from Archie Hamilton's. Three of the children were born when they lived on the farm: Francis in 1918, James in 1920, and Marion in 1926. Farming was a hard, difficult life and after eight years the family moved into Rosedale where Frank worked as a section hand for the CNR. For many years he was a familiar figure as he pumped the hand speeder up and down the tracks on fire patrol in the summer. The family lived on McGrath Road, on property which later became the Rosedale Machine Shop. Roy was born in 1930. It was a sad coincidence that Roy was born four days before Marion died. In one room of the

Chilliwack Hospital Lillian had a newborn baby and in another room a daughter died of a ruptured appendix.

The home that the family rented was sold and the family moved to another home on McGrath Road. They later bought a house on McGrath Road situated next to Lobb's. Garfield was born in 1935.

Six years later the family moved into the Rosedale Train Station. There was no longer a ticket agent at the station and the CNR needed a caretaker. Frank continued to work on the section while Lillian, in addition to her household chores, took messages on the CNR phone for the work crew, looked after freight, and did the chores of the station.

Jim and Francis both died in 1942. Jim, 21, died in July of a ruptured appendix, and Francis, 24, died in September of tuberculosis.

After four years in the train station the family moved in to Chilliwack on Princess Avenue. Frank worked in the cannery.

Frank was a member of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 4 Chilliwack, and along with George Bryant, Bill Allen and others, participated in Legion meetings and parades. He passed away in 1976.

Mrs. Butler was a fine homemaker and despite her great losses remained cheerful. In 1986 she remains quite well and enjoys the company of her two sons Roy and Garfield. Roy lives in Popkum and Garfield in Chilliwack.



*Roy, Mrs. Butler and Garfield, 1941.*

## THE JOHN CADSAND FAMILY

*by F. Bryant as told by Dan Cadsand*

John and Andresina Cadsand were among some of the first Dutch immigrants coming to Canada. Leaving Holland in about 1924, the family spent some twelve years on Sumas Prairie where John worked as a farm helper.

The oldest two children, Daniel Francis and William "Bill" were born in Holland. A third son Cornelius Andrew "Neil" and a daughter Jean were born in Canada. Jean died as a young child while living in Rose-



*John Cadsand holding Dan, Andresina holding Bill.*

dale.

John Cadsand started farming for himself in 1936 when he rented the David Hill farm at 10941 McGrath Rd. North. A member of the FVMPA he shipped milk and exchanged work with the neighbours in the area. These were difficult times and Dan recalls having to stay home from school to help with farm work and of missing school quite a bit. His favourite teacher was Bill Robertson.

The Cadsand family also rented the Sam Bustin farm at 10650 Bustin Road, where they lived in a small house on the west side of the road. This house was later moved into the village. Following the war they were able to purchase a farm in Popkum. Misfortune occurred when the barn burned but a new one was built. For several years they rented the Ennis farm, 10501 Popkum Rd.

Mrs. Andresina Cadsand passed away in 1949 and is buried in I.O.O.F. Cemetery in Chilliwack. John Cadsand died at age 76 in 1973 and is buried at Princeton, B.C.

Dan Cadsand, with little formal education, struck out on his own, and with hard work and honest dealings has established himself as a well known and widely respected livestock man. With his wife Elaine (Gabara) of Whonnock and Mitchell Island, the couple have three sons and nine grandchildren.

Following the war, Dan farmed at Whonnock for eight years. Then, for about fourteen years, Dan had a sheep ranch at Merritt, B.C. where he specialized in purebred and registered Suffolk and Hampshire sheep. The Cadsand flock has been shown with success at all major livestock exhibitions from the PNE in Vancouver to the Agribition in Regina, Sask. Purebred stock has been sold to most Canadian Provinces and to Japan, Mexico and Brazil. Dan also judges at many B.C. and Prairie fairs. In 1972 Dan and Elaine relocated to Rimbey, Alta. where they continue to operate a sheep ranch.

It was of special interest to the writer to hear Dan say how he selected the Rimbey property. He told the realtor that he wanted to walk the land, as he had picked up more than his share of stones and tree roots. The land came first; he wanted good fertile soil like he remembered in Rosedale. The house and other buildings would come second to the land.



*Dan Cadsand, C.F.C., Aug. 25, 1942.*

Bill Cadsand was killed in an unfortunate and unnecessary accident on Camp River Road in 1941.

The last known addresses of Neil were Lumby and Trail, B.C.

## THE EDGAR CALHOUN FAMILY

*information from Albert Calhoun*

Mr. Edgar Calhoun with his wife Sophie, son Albert and daughter Blanche came to Camp River in 1915. A cousin of Mr. Calhoun's, Mr. J.C. Calhoun, was also a valley resident and a municipal councillor for several years in the period 1920-1930.



*Miss Blanche and Albert Calhoun.*



*Albert Calhoun on the binder.*

Edgar Calhoun acquired farm property of 100 acres at 48844 Camp River Road, now known as the Haas Hop Yards. He engaged in dairying with a herd of thirty cows, assisted by his son Albert who was twenty years of age at the time of the family's arrival.

Blanche was organist of the Cheam church for many years and Albert sang in the choir. After the death of their parents, Albert and Blanche continued operation of the farm until its sale to the Haas Hop Company, after which they remained in the home for some time, but later moved to Kent Road, Fairfield Island, where they lived for twenty years.

Blanche is now deceased, and Albert, now 91 years of age, has been a resident of Eden Rest Home in Chilliwack for the past seven years.

## THE CAMERON FAMILY

*by Ruth (Cameron) Whitehouse*

My grandfather, John Alexander Cameron, and his wife Elizabeth, left Stark's Corner in the County of Pontiac, Quebec, to make their home in Chilliwack in 1898. They boarded the train at Cobden, Ontario, travelling in a colony car with five children. They had nine children in all. The oldest child, Edna, died in Quebec of diptheria. Sons Cecil and Edwin and daughter Mary were born in Rosedale.

Their train, after several days travel, stopped at Mission, B.C. where they were met by the Joseph Brannick family. Jenny (Mary Jane) Brannick and Elizabeth Cameron were sisters and schoolteachers.

The Cameron family stayed with the Brannicks until they rented a house nearby. Eventually they bought the farm at 51260 Nevin Rd. Here they built the four-roomed two-storey house with adjoining kitchen and living room in 1903. The Camerons also planted a large orchard of apple, pear, cherry and plum trees. This house (now remodelled) was the home of the George Bryant family after they bought the 40 acre farm from the Camerons in 1919.

In 1907 the Cameron family raised the largest post and beam barn built in the District. This massive structure, raised by men with pike poles and teams of horses using



Back row: Bertha, James, Harold, Warren, Norris. Front row: Mother, Elizabeth with Edward, Cecil, Father, John Alexander with Mary.

wooden pulleys and large rope cables, measured 72 ft. long by 36 ft. wide and was 24 ft. high at the eaves and 44 ft. at the peak. The plates were in one piece, 72 ft. long and 12 inches square. These massive timbers were sawn out of cedar trees growing locally. The sections were fitted together and lifted by the teams. In later years, Harry told of the men walking along the plates 24 ft above the ground to drive in the wooden pins that held the sections together, and of his amazement that every joint fitted perfectly together.

Elizabeth Cameron died at the age of thirty-seven of tuberculosis in 1905. She left eight children motherless. Aunt Jenny and Uncle Joe Brannick took the two youngest ones, Mary and Ted, and raised them as if they were their own children my father said. The others stayed at the family farm. The daughter Bertha kept house for her brothers. She was only eleven years old. Mrs. Sam Holt, a neighbour, baked bread for them. Dad never forgot the kindness of this woman.

My father, Harold Cameron, married Gertrude Grace Thompson, who died in 1919 after the birth of her second child. My father then married her sister, Agnes Matilda Thompson, who raised her sister's two girls, Doris and Bertha as well as her own two, Ruth (the author of this article) and Cecil.

My father and Uncle Jim managed the family farm in Rosedale until Uncle Jim decided to seek his living farming in Hoosier, Saskatchewan, taking my Uncle Ted with him. My parents continued to live on the farm in Rosedale until 1919, when they bought a part of my grandmother's farm in Popcum for our home, a 16 acre parcel due south of the Thompson place. Mother loved the house which had been built by Chris Harmon.

The Cameron brothers James "Jim", Harold "Harry" and Warren "Slim" are best remembered for their active participation in sports activities, playing both baseball and basketball.

Jim Cameron's signature appears on the original charter of the Rosedale Athletic Club dated April 16th, 1910 when the club was first formed under the Benevolent Societies Act of British Columbia. Harry Cameron was a Charter member of the Rosedale Athletic Club. He played baseball for the Rosedale Sportsman

Club which preceded the formal organization of the RAC.

Besides being an avid ball player, Harry Cameron is remembered as a keen hunter. With a good bird dog and his favourite shotgun, he bagged many a pheasant when these birds were plentiful and plenty of ducks on Popcum Lake. Warren was a keen bird hunter as well.

Harry Cameron was a member of the Popcum School Board, and kept a close eye on the schoolteachers, pupils and buildings from his home just across the road. In 1934, as a member of the School Board, Harry Cameron became a Charter Director of the Fraser Valley Union Library District. His name is on an illuminated plaque that hangs in the Abbotsford headquarters of the Fraser Valley Regional Library. He was also a charter member of the Fraser Valley Milk Producers Association.

My father, Harold Cameron, died January 24th, 1986. Uncle Warren is the sole survivor of the family which came from Quebec in 1898. The younger ones in the family died early. The older ones, Jim, Harold, Warren, Bertha and Norris lived long lives. Cecil Cameron served overseas in World War I and paid the supreme sacrifice.

There are many descendants of John and Elizabeth Cameron in the Fraser Valley today. Aunt Bertha Peers had two girls, Vera and Rheta. Uncle Warren fathered three girls, Audrey, Frances and Marion. Jim Cameron has a daughter Marlene (Yuel).

Doris Cameron married Harold Short. The couple have a son Gary and daughter Carol Anne.



Marge and Warren (Slim) Cameron with Frances, Audrey and Marian.

Bertha married Fred Karr and the couple have four sons: Gerald, Harold and Donald, and daughter Myrna Gunia.

Ruth Cameron married Ralph Whitehouse (deceased) and has sons, Robert and Norman and daughters, Brenda Techop and Marion.

Cecil Cameron married Peggy Munro, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Munro of Popcum. The couple have three sons, Ronald, Bruce and Greg.

## MORTIMER AND GRACE ELIZABETH CARR

by J. Patterson

Mortimer Carr immigrated to Canada in 1923 following the First World War.

He settled on ten acres of land from the northwest corner of the W.H. Annis farm, purchased through the Soldiers' Settlement Act.

An amputee, Mortimer was not really suited for farming and finally sold to George Davis. He then moved to Chilliwack city where he carried on as an insurance agent and Notary Public.

Grace passed away at the age of 56, in 1936. Mortimer moved to the southern United States and no further information on his life is available.

## THE CARTER TWINS AND THEIR FAMILIES

by Brenda (Carter) Cranston

Arthur Daly Carter and Gerald St. Leger Carter were identical twins born in India of Irish parents. The twins served together in the Boer War, 1899-1902, enlisting from Virden, Manitoba. After farming in Manitoba and Alberta they came to Rosedale, B.C. in 1905, settling a mile east of Rosedale on the Yale Road which divided the farm, eighty acres on each side of the highway. There were very large fir and cedar trees on the property which were used for building and firewood by the family and customers in the Rosedale area. Some land was cleared and a few buildings built before 1914.



*The Carter Twins. Gerald and Arthur standing in front of a fir tree felled on the farm about 1930.*

When World War I was declared, both men enlisted and served overseas from 1914 to 1919 receiving commissions. They spent time in Russia with a peacekeeping force after the Armistice.

While in England they married; Arthur to Irene Parson and Gerald to Edith Hood. The ladies were friends on holiday together when they met their future husbands.

In 1920, after filling wooden trunks with personal belongings and gifts from families and friends, the two



*Mrs. Irene Carter with friend, about 1925.*



*Mrs. Edith Carter with dog, Jack. 1921.*

couples set off by boat for Canada. The crossing was rough! The weather across Canada, especially the prairies, was extremely cold; only short walks were taken when the train stopped. All was quite a different life for the women who had been working for a large insurance company in London, England. On arriving in Rosedale, houses were built and more land cleared to carry on mixed farming. There were several acres used for good grazing. Cattle were brought in from regular customers for a few months, spring to autumn.

One event that is remembered with awe was the forest fire of 1923. It started near the mountain and threatened the crops and buildings on the southeast side of the farm.

The Sikhs living and working in the area, learned that Arthur and Gerald could converse with them and would come to chat or to discuss their problems, as did the Indians whose reserve bordered their farm on the north.

Mail was picked up at Rosedale from Archibald's General Store, part of which was the post office.

Neighbors, especially from Popcum, found the Carter telephone helpful, to gather and dispense news and to arrange meetings.

The depression years saw many men in need of shelter and food. The Carter's doors were always open to them. The men were grateful and respectful.

Horses were used for transportation, to pull a buggy, wagon, sleigh, or stoneboat in the woods. One was

fortunate to own a riding horse, otherwise an individual had to rely on the work horses for transportation. Eventually the Model T Ford car came. It was used for transporting groups to meetings, picnics, church or shopping. Often friends and even strangers were given a ride if overtaken walking.

The population increased, as did the bus service between Rosedale and Chilliwack. Settlers living in outlying areas, however, had to find their own means of transportation, and that wasn't always handy.

The need for improved transportation became apparent to us when Brenda, then aged three and a half years, pricked a freshly shod work horse in the back because it refused hay that was offered. The horse reacted in the only way it knew, by striking out with its foot striking Brenda on her lower jaw. Father administered first aid then hitched a ride into Chilliwack where a doctor sutured up the gaping wound. Brenda and father returned home shaken but thankful.

School buses brought children from Camp Slough area to Rosedale Public School and, in grade nine, we got the school bus from Rosedale, which had come from Camp Slough area, and went on through East Chilliwack to the Chilliwack High School. June was a nice month to bike to high school which a few of us did at the end of the school year. By this time cars and bus services throughout the area were much more plentiful as we went into the pre World War II years.

Wood stoves were used for cooking and heating the houses. Kerosene and gasoline lamps and lanterns lighted the homes and barns. Electricity wasn't available until 1943. Well water was hand pumped for household use and watering stock. Gerald Sr. acquired a reputation for his ability at witching dependable wells.

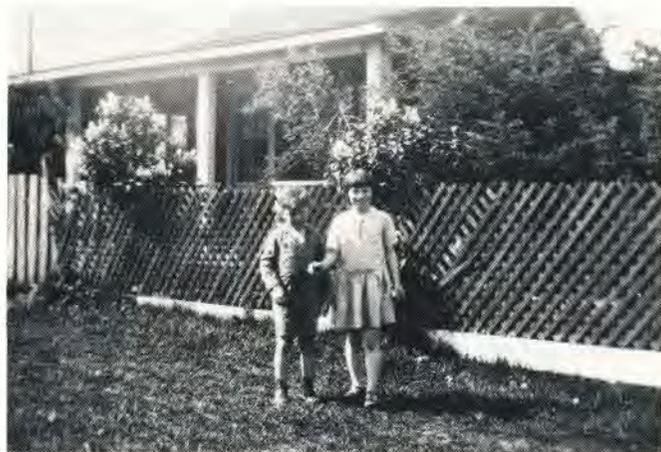
Entertainment was not costly. Community halls were used for get-togethers, dances, gym and plays. Mr. and Mrs. Percy Bartindale gave much of their time to the young people, directing and then presenting operettas to the public. In addition the community provided a number of popular outdoor activities: Girl Guides, Boy Scouts, CGIT, hiking, camping and skating.

1938 was a particularly important time for Irene and Edith. After nearly 20 years in Canada, they returned to England to visit with their families and share their experiences.

The men farmed until 1944. Arthur also worked on the Rosedale-Agassiz ferry for several years. The farm was eventually sold and White Rock became the home of both families in 1944; Arthur and Irene with Joyce, and Gerald and Edith with daughter Brenda and son Gerald. The men enjoyed being near the sea. Gerald died in 1947 and Arthur in 1950. Irene lived until 1974 and Edith 1982. Joyce has a family of three children. Gerald Jr. has four children. He served in the Royal Canadian Navy during World War II. Gerald recently retired from B.C. Hydro and Brenda retired from nursing.



*Joyce Carter, 1938.*



*Gerald and Brenda Carter in front of Arthur Carter's home. 1931.*

## **THE HENRY CARTMELL FAMILY**

*by Clara Cartmell and Anne (Cartmell) Clegg*

Henry Carr Cartmell was born in 1883, the third child and eldest son of James and Margaret Cartmell of Lancashire, England.

In 1891 the family immigrated to Canada and settled in rural Manitoba, near the south end of Lake Manitoba. It was on that lake that Henry learned all about steamboats.

In 1904 the Cartmells, including eleven children, moved to Chilliwack, where they acquired farmland beside Young Road, north of Hope Slough. Henry continued his work on steamboats, piloting some of the sternwheelers which at that time provided regular

transportation between the many communities along the Fraser River, from Steveston to Yale.



*Henry and Edith Cartmell.*

In 1913, Henry married Edith Stevenson, a young practical nurse who had recently immigrated to Canada from the Isle of Man. Their first home was in New Westminster, where three daughters were born to them: Eva, Clara and Annie (Anne).

Progress eventually overtook the sternwheelers, as the C.P.R., the B.C. Electric Railway, and a few years later the private automobile, provided quicker access to the coastal cities.

Still a boatman, Henry changed over to tugboat operation, towing logs on the Harrison River and Harrison Lake and becoming familiar with every landmark along the shores. The family moved to Harrison Mills, to live in one of a row of company houses, which at that time were elevated on stilts, to avoid possible flooding on the then undyked land. A son, James Henry "Harry" was born in Harrison Mills.

In 1926 Henry Cartmell was appointed as a captain of the Rosedale-Agassiz Ferry. After a summer spent in a houseboat at Harrison Hot Springs, the family moved to Rosedale. They took up residence first on the Patriquin property beside the dyke north of Ferry Road, then moved in 1929 into the rectory of St. Peter's Anglican Church, on the bank of Hope Slough.

At that time, Nelson Road extended across a bridge over Hope Slough to join Yale Road. Henry Cartmell, an experienced boat-builder, built a punt on which his children and their friends could safely move about on the slough.

The Cartmell children were responsible for mowing the large lawn around the church and rectory, where on occasion the church held a garden party.

In the 1930's, during the depth of the Depression, Captain Cartmell was laid off from the ferry for some three years. In 1932 the family moved to a small farm at the corner of McGrath Road and Camp Slough Road in order to "live off the land".

Henry Cartmell always liked to spend his spare time in his well-equipped workshop. His skills in most of the

building trades were constantly being put to good use. Mrs. Cartmell had good training in household arts and was skilled at needlework. She had a strong instinct for neighbourliness, but chronic illness prevented her from participating in the community activities she would have liked.

Having resumed his work on the ferry, Captain Cartmell continued until his retirement in 1947. He died in 1956, having outlived his wife by two years.

For a number of years Eva played the organ in the Rosedale United Church, at a time when the choir was in its heyday under the leadership of Mr. Edgar Archibald. Clara sang in the choir for about three years.

Both Eva and Clara left Rosedale in 1936. After other short-term employment, Eva joined the staff of David Spencer Limited in Chilliwack in 1938 and continued to serve that firm and its successor, Eaton's, until her retirement. For many years she played the organ at Chilliwack United Church, and more recently has been organist at All Sappers' Chapel.

Clara was privileged to attend U.B.C. Although trained as a teacher, she left that profession to work for the Government during World War II. In 1946 she joined the staff of the Township of Chilliwack, and worked at the Municipal Hall until her retirement. She has been a longtime member of the Chilliwack United Church choir and has worked as a volunteer with Chilliwack Community Services.

Anne stayed home to keep house for her invalid mother, and developed a strong interest in music and gardening. In 1947 she married John Clegg, and they have lived since on their dairy farm on McElwee Road (the McElwee farm). They have raised five children: Barbara, Richard (Dick), Henry John (Jack), Margaret (Peggy), and Jane. Anne Clegg has long been a church organist, and has played for years in the Anglican Churches at Rosedale and Agassiz.

Harry Cartmell joined the R.C.A.F. after high school graduation, and spent some three years overseas as a pilot. Returning safely to Canada, he attended U.B.C. and qualified as a Mechanical Engineer. He has lived and worked as an engineer in several parts of Canada, most recently in Aylmer, Ontario, where he is now retired. He was married in 1951 to Mary Hiddlestone, a Scottish nurse. They have a daughter, Maureen, and a son, Ian.

*Below: Eva, Harry, Clara and Anne Cartmell.*





*George and Pearl Caryks.*

## **THE GEORGE CARYK FAMILY**

*by Walter Caryk*

George and Pearl Caryk came to this area from Saskatoon, Saskatchewan in the year 1924, after a brief stay in Vancouver. They purchased a parcel of land on the north side of Yale Road in the Popkum area. Caryks Road was named for the family as it was the route taken to reach their home adjacent to the present No. 9 Highway.

George and Pearl's family are by age: Helen, Sylvester, Dorothy, Walter and Bill. Helen and Sylvester attended Elementary School in Popkum.

The family had a small farming operation and for extra income, George Caryk opened a shoe repair shop in Rosedale. This shoe shop was located on the west side of McGrath Road, about midway between Yale Road and Muirhead Street. The building was built up on posts with a wooden sidewalk in front as there was often water in the swails during periods of heavy rainfall.

It was during this time that there was a great deal of logging and sawmill work in the area and the workmen needed lots of boot repairs. In about 1927, the Caryk family moved to Hope, B.C. and the shoe shop was sold.

George Caryk passed away and Mrs. Pearl Caryk resides in Vernon, B.C. The only son, Walter now retired, lives in Merrit. Their daughter, Mrs. Dorothy Sproule resides in Nanaimo, B.C.

## **THE CHAPMAN FAMILY**

*by Norman L. Chapman*

One of eight families that have been identified as living in the research area since before 1900, is the Emmanuel Chapman family and its descendants.

My Great-grandfather, Emmanuel Chapman, 1815-1903, born in Devonshire, England, came to the valley from Ontario in 1876. Taking up 130 acres of crown grant land on Yale Road, west of Mount Shannon, he was accompanied by his son Benjamin. Emmanuel is credited with bringing the first flock of sheep to the Chilliwack area.

The next year (1877) Mr. Chapman was joined by his wife, Mary Ann Snell, 1826-1890, and son John. John, assisted his father who had started a blacksmith shop in what is now Chilliwack. Emmanuel Chapman continued to live in the Chilliwack area until his death in 1903. He was pre-deceased by his first wife Mary Ann in 1890 at sixty-four years of age. Emmanuel later married the other-in-law of his son, John, a widow, Mrs. Ann Hoare of Ontario. Mrs. Ann Chapman, born in Kent England, died in 1904 at eighty-one years of age. All three are buried in Plot No. 179 in the 100F Cemetery, Chilliwack, B.C.

Research to 1988 has not finalized how many children were born to Emmanuel (1815-1903) and his wife Mary Ann (Snell) Chapman (1826-1890).

It seems almost certain that only sons John (1851-1930) and Benjamin (1853-1923) came to the Upper Fraser Valley to live. It is known that another son, George, went to the Yukon and was not heard of again, except a message that he was sick. It is believed that one daughter went to the southern United States to live.

## **THE JOHN CHAPMAN FAMILY**

*by Norman L. Chapman*

One of Emmanuel's sons, John Chapman, 1851-1930, is my Grandfather. There must have been a large measure of adventure and energy in John Chapman, for within a year of helping his father in the Blacksmith shop, John joined the gold rush to the Cariboo. He later worked at his trade in the thriving town of Yale.

The blacksmith shop on the Chapman farm was the place the mill operators brought oxen to be shod. One could have local plants ground for coffee, or wagon tires set, sleighs rebuilt and tools made. Special coal from Britain, later mined on Vancouver Island, or homemade charcoal from local trees, vine maple preferred was used to fire the forges.

Returning to the Rosedale area, John Chapman pre-empted Lot No. 434 in the year 1877, and obtained Title by Crown Grant in 1886. This parcel contained 160 acres lying east of the road that now bears his name and south of Camp Slough.

Shortly after pre-empting his land, John went to Auburn, Ontario to bring out his bride, the former Harriet Hoare, a schoolteacher. The couple travelled to Chicago, through Nebraska and to Sacramento. Then they sailed from San Francisco to Victoria and to New

Westminster. Arriving at Chilliwack Landing from New Westminster by steamboat, they were met by Mr. Chapman Sr. with wagon and ox team.

Now a full one hundred years later, one can only reflect or try to imagine, aided by stories that have come down from grandparents just what it was like for those early pioneer women. There is a thread of similarity that has come to the writers in this book from nearly all families. Stories of utter amazement, yes of sheer disillusionment with what they found, compared to what they had been led to believe, by ambitious, energetic and well meaning young lovers and husbands. Try if you will to picture Harriet Chapman arriving by steamboat in Chilliwack, being met by *ox-cart* and being driven, or maybe even walking, along wooded trails, likely with clothes and footwear unsuited for the tasks that lay ahead. To be obliged to make do with poor if any buildings, with no conveniences, with stoves and utensils totally foreign to her. Of contact with the native indian people, with little if any ability to carry on a conversation. Oh, what love she must have had for her husband! Surely it is possible to grant her a time, when she must have wondered if it was all worth the effort required. With enthusiasm, John Chapman showed his bride the site that he had chosen, by the side of an Indian walk way through the woods, a site that had a good spring of clear, cold water within easy walking distance. A site in a small clearing on high ground, for John already knew the possibility of flooding in the spring freshets.

John soon cleared a spot on their land and built a two-room frame house and a log barn, adding to the house as their family increased in number. The biggest task was in the clearing of the land. Oxen were found too slow and John soon acquired a team of horses. He believed in mixed farming, planting oats and hay for his cows, horses and pigs. His farm machinery consisted of a scythe, a hoe, axe, brush-hook and a hand harvesting grain cradle. He gradually increased his stock as pasture on nearby Henderson Prairie was plentiful. Seeded and fenced pasture came later.

Eight children were born to this couple, four sons, John Edgerton "Ed", Albert Franklin "Frank", David and Norman. Four daughters; Mary (Mrs. Benjamin Snell), Alberta (Mrs. Jess Nottingham), Mabel (Mrs. Robert Pybus) and Lucy (Mrs. George Snell).

As the children grew older, they helped with the many chores, indoor and out. Mrs. Chapman not only cooked

*Back row: Mabel, Frank, Mary, Edgerton (Ed), Norman, and Alberta. Seated: David, John, Lucy, and Harriet Chapman.*



and cleaned for her family, but she soon became adept at making hats from braided wheat straw, knitting socks and stockings, carding and spinning wool and making hand and wash soap. It was her job, too, to make and tend the vegetable garden.

Mr. and Mrs. Chapman took an active interest in their church and school. Mr. Chapman acted as a member of the board of school trustees for the Rosedale school and later, for the Camp Slough school.

John Chapman donated an acre of land at the northwest corner of his farm at the intersection of Chapman and Camp River Road for the building of the first school for the local children in 1909. He later regained this property when a new school was built farther west.

In 1886, the Chapmans built a large barn and in 1892 the fine new home that was a landmark for many years.

John Chapman died at age 79 in 1930. His wife Harriet died in 1926. Both are buried in 100F Cemetery, Chilliwack.

Following the death of Mrs. Harriet Chapman, John married Mrs. Mary Edwards Waldron (1869-1945), the Postmistress at Cheam View Post Office in 1928. Mary was the widow of James Waldron, a totally disabled civil war veteran pensioned at \$5.00 a month, which was raised later to \$8.00 and finally to \$12.00 per month. James obtained the patent for steel lugs for the wheels of steam traction machines. James Waldron was the first Postmaster at Cheam View, 1914-1919. At this time John and Mary Chapman lived at Cheam View, as Norman and Irene Chapman and Mr. David Chapman were living in the farmhouse.

Soon after this John built a new home on Young Road North in Chilliwack. The couple lived there until John's death in 1930. His widow, Mrs. Mary Chapman continued to live there until her passing in 1945.

Only one of the four Chapman girls remained in Rosedale. Alberta married Jesse M. Nottingham of Rosedale in 1911. (See Nottingham account).

Lucy married George Snell and returned from Alberta to live for a few years in the mid 1930's at 51075 Castleman Rd. They built a new home here, but found a small farm no match for the wide open spaces, and soon returned to the prairies. The house was later purchased by W.F. Brown and moved further west to 50817 Castleman Rd.

## BENJAMIN CHAPMAN AND FAMILY

*by Marion Chapman*

Benjamin Chapman, 1853-1923, son of Emmanuel Chapman, came to the valley with his father in 1876. In time, he acquired his own farm on Rose Island. He and his wife Maria, 1862-1930, had two sons, William "Billy" and Walter. Mrs. Chapman died when the two boys were quite young. A few years later, Ben married Miss Minnie Hoare from Ontario, who was sister of John Chapman's wife Harriet. They had two daughters; Cora Ethelwym and May.

Cora suffered appendicitis and was the first to undergo an appendectomy in Chilliwack General Hospital. This was when she was eighteen years of age. Regrettably she

died following the operation.

The second daughter May, married Harry Dillingham, and had two daughters. Mrs. Dillingham, now widowed, lives in Oregon, U.S.A.

Billy Chapman married Ethel Knox, daughter of John Knox of Castleman Road. They built a house and barn at the intersection of Gillanders and Castleman Rds. In 1918, they moved to Smithers, B.C. with their three children.

Walter Chapman lived in Telkwa, B.C. and is now deceased.

It is remembered that Ben Chapman's home on Rose Island included a bell tower with a bell which rang faithfully every day to call the men from the fields for meals.

## J.E. "ED" CHAPMAN

*by Norman L. Chapman*

Ed Chapman, born in 1882, was the eldest son of John and Harriet Chapman. As the oldest boy in the family he took an active part in the developing farm.

He often related to his family that he only had one pair of shoes and that he carried them to and from school. Partly to protect them, but mostly because he was happier in bare feet. Walking through the fields and woods to school the children would gather up the cows for milking on the way home. Ed Chapman was a good shepherd and raised many sheep.

When he received the Northeast corner of the home farm for himself, he moved the now vacant schoolhouse from the corner of the farm onto his own parcel and converted it to a residence. The building was destroyed by fire in 1986.

In 1924, Ed Chapman married Miss Ethel Stevens of Peterboro, Ontario, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Stevens, the wood ashes king of the East.\* The couple have a son Norman Leroy and daughters Naomi and Vashti. In 1948, Naomi was Rosedale's twenty-fifth and last May Queen. Both Naomi and Vashti have trained and worked in the nursing profession.

Ed Chapman, an avid Methodist, attended Rosedale United Church after Church Union. He was a keen Bible student in the Adult Bible Class and on occasion was a substitute Sunday School teacher. Mrs. Ethel Chapman and the children have been active in the Seventh Day Adventist Church.

For some years the family lived at 51108 Chilliwack Central Road. This eighty acre parcel was later crossed by the Trans Canada Highway. Ed Chapman raised sheep and young cattle on this farm. The children walked to Rosedale Elementary School.

Ed Chapman died in 1967 and Mrs. Ethel Chapman in 1979. Both are buried in the 100F Cemetery, Chilliwack.

Norman L. Chapman married Joy Snowden of Chilliwack and the couple had ten children. Seven daughters; Mary Jeane, Charlotte, Norma, Ruth, Ellen, Patricia, Raydene and three sons; Lloyd (deceased), Andrew and Daniel.

Actively engaged in dairy farming, Norman and Joy have opened their hearts and home to a number of

homeless boys and girls as foster parents. Their grandchildren are the sixth generation of Chapman's to call this area home.

Naomi married Jack Turner. Vashti married Edgar Jackson and the couple have three sons, Robert, Richard (deceased) and Steven. Both families are residents of California, U.S.A.

In 1987, Norman recalled a story that he had often heard as a child about his Grandmother, Mrs. Harriet Chapman.

"Once when grandmother was at home with three small children, she had to leave them alone in the house. A neighbour lady came over and found the children all crying. "Where is your Mother" she asked. "Oh she's out chasing a bear", the children said. "The bear has got the pig, and Mother has gone over to Bear Island to chase the bear." Everyone was worried, Grandmother had only taken "the Long Tom" gun\* with her and she had just one shot of ammunition, and was out after a bear. I do not know if she shot the bear, but it ended without further incident. At any rate, pioneer women had lots of spunk."



*Single shot hand gun with knife attached. Carried by John Chapman 18.*

### Appendix to Chapman accounts.

\* Hard wood ashes as a source of potash became a business in Eastern Canada. A regular collection system from wood burning furnaces and heaters was developed with shipments throughout Ontario and adjoining states. George Stevens had a large wood ash business.

\* A long Tom Gun was a single barrelled shot gun that required hand loading with both powder and shot.

## THE NORMAN CHAPMAN FAMILY

*by Robert "Bob" Chapman*

Norman Eldridge Chapman was born at the family residence on Chapman Rd. in 1895, the eighth and last child of John and Harriet Chapman. He farmed as a young man on a part of the large family holdings on the East side of Chapman Rd. which was named for the family. The large two-storey house, built in 1892 was a

landmark with its bay windows, balconies and gothic woodwork at the eaves. It was destroyed by fire about 1980.

Norman Chapman served in the Army in W.W.I. He was conscripted into the forces despite his father's efforts to keep him home.

Norman married a neighbour girl, Irene Hayes, in 1927 and the couple had five children, Winnifred Leslie, Shirley, John and Robert. The family carried on a mixed farming operation and grew green-market and canning corn.

Norman's brother David Chapman, 1890-1976, lived on in the family home with the couple and their children. David owned and farmed a large acreage on Gill Rd. at the present address of 11350 and 11380 Gill Rd.

Dave and Norman Chapman each owned a 40 acre parcel in Popcum. A rock quarry was located on this site and for some years green decorative rock was quarried and shipped by CNR from Rosedale. It was used for masonry and crushed for asphalt shingles. The Flintstone Park is now located on this site, adjacent to the Bridal Falls Provincial Park. The brothers also owned acreage at the foot of Jones Hill at Cheam View.

Norman Chapman died in 1976 and his wife Irene Chapman passed away in 1985.

Winnifred Chapman married Ted Crawford and lives in Vancouver, and has a son and daughter. Winnifred Crawford passed away in 1988.

Leslie Chapman lives in Ontario, with his wife Joanne and the couple have three daughters.

John Chapman died accidentally in 1958.

Robert "Bob" Chapman married Angela Coventry and the couple have a son and daughter, and live in Coquitlam, B.C.

Shirley Chapman married Arthur Bellamy of Chilliwack. The couple have two daughters, Judith Lynne (Mrs. Gerald Neave) of Winnipeg, Manitoba, and Mrs. Sharon Norene Benoit of Chilliwack.

For some years the Bellamy family lived at 9865 McGrath Rd. Rosedale. They attended Rosedale United Church and Art served on the Committee of Stewards. Art and Shirley now live in Chilliwack and are retired.

## THE DONALD MATHESON AND FRANK CHAPMAN FAMILIES

*by Marion (Matheson) Chapman*

In 1910 my parents Donald and Etta Matheson, sold their 160 acre farm in Langley Prairie, B.C., where my brother Colin and I were born. My father bought 20 acres of land from Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Henderson on Old Yale Road, Rosedale. Mrs. Henderson and my mother were sisters. My father built the house on that place at 51839 Old Yale Road. My brother John was born there in October 1911. He lives in Vancouver now. Father also had acreage on McGrath Road, just north of Rosedale Elementary School, which in 1910 was known as the Russell Place. In 1913 we sold both places and moved to Vancouver.

My husband Frank Chapman was the sixth child born to John and Harriet (Hoare) Chapman, in their house on

Chapman Road. His parents had 160 acres of land, 54 of which they gave to Frank. Frank had a B.C. Teacher's Certificate. We were married in March, 1934. Frank farmed at 10788 Chapman Road until his death in 1968.

We had three children, Donald born in 1935, Harriet in 1937, and Roland in 1939. The three children attended Rosedale Elementary School, then Chilliwack Junior and Senior Secondary Schools. All three went into the teaching profession.

Don is principal of the largest high school in Quesnel. He and his wife Arlene have three children, Shelley (Mrs. Geoff Dryer), Shelia, and Frank (deceased).

Harriet and her husband Bryan Wilson have three children, a son Roderick, and daughters Jody and Kelly. They live in Lillooet, B.C. where Bryan is Director of Education of the Elementary Schools in Lillooet District. Harriet teaches at a native Indian Nursery School.

Roland Chapman lives in Delta, B.C. where he is principal of an elementary school. He and his wife Lorna had a family of two girls, Tracy and Catherine. Mrs. Lorna Chapman died in a tragic accident in 1974. In 1983 Roland married Mrs. Marilyn Sadler, also a teacher, and the mother of a son, Sean and a daughter Lindsey. Roland and Marilyn also have a son Daniel Chapman, by adoption.

The Frank Chapman family were faithful members of Rosedale United Church and the children in the Sunday School. Frank Chapman was an Elder of the Church for nearly thirty years and served as secretary of the congregation for twenty-five years. The evergreen tree in front of the Christian Education Centre was planted by the congregation in memory of the pioneer families that founded the congregation. Donald Chapman represented the Chapman family at the ceremony. In 1987 Mrs. Frank (Marion) Chapman lives in retirement in Chilliwack, B.C.



*Father Donald Matheson holding son, Calvin. Mother, Henrietta Matheson holding daughter, Marian (Matheson) Chapman. Uncle Murdoch Matheson. Taken on our farm on Old Yale Road. Mr. Matheson built this house in 1910.*

## JESSE NOTTINGHAM

Jesse Miles Nottingham married Alberta Victoria Chapman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Chapman, Chapman Road, on April 19, 1911, at Rosedale, B.C. They lived at 51647 Old Yale Road.

There were three children: Clara (1912), John Milton (1913), and Albert Miles (1916). They later moved to Chilliwack where they lived on Young Road, Fairfield Island.

Jesse played on the Rosedale Baseball Team with Warren and Harry Cameron and Hugh Laughlin Sr.

Alberta died in 1922 and the three children went to Delta to live with their aunt, Mabel (Chapman) Pybus, and her husband Robert.

## THE ALLEN CHARTERS FAMILY

*by Jean (Charters) Runcie*

When the Charters family got off the train at Rosedale in the spring of 1925 the weather was mild and the grass green, a startling and welcome contrast from the bleak cold snow covered prairie they had left two days before. In the group were Allen Charters, his wife Lena and their two children, son Alex and daughter Jean.

They were greeted by Mrs. Lena Charters' parents Mr. and Mrs. Kern, and her sister Edith with her husband, station-master W.D. Hughes, and daughters Evelyn and Muriel. They moved into a house at 9978 McGrath Road between the Smith sisters and the Higgins family. The two children Jean and Alex, started school in the friendly picturesque town.

The United Church was a good influence on the town and the family quickly became a part of it. Jean joined C.G.I.T. and Alex Boy Scouts, groups that were active at that time. Later they joined the Young People's group. In the summer the Hughes and Charters shared many happy times at Cultus Lake.

Allen Alexander Charters worked in the Graham-McNair mill until it closed, then worked for the CNR in Rosedale and on other section gangs. When he retired, Allen and Lena moved to New Westminster. Allen was President of the PTA for a number of years when it was a very active organization, and he was also a member of the Orange Lodge. Allen died in 1974 at age 94 and Lena in 1985 at age 105.

From 1931 to 1934, Alex Charters rode his bike 10 miles six days a week, to deliver the Vancouver Sun. If for some reason he was unable to do this task, father Allen and sister Jean covered the route, no mean feat. In 1929, Jean was Rosedale's fifth May Queen, an honour prized by the girls of the Grade Eight class at Rosedale Elementary School.

Like all young people, Jean and Alex rode the bus to high school in Chilliwack. After graduating Jean took a secretarial course in Chilliwack and Alex went to the University of British Columbia.

Jean went to Lytton B.C. to work in the Indian Agent's office, then later to Vancouver to work in the office of Brettels Ltd. an electrical firm on Howe St. and finally as nurse-receptionist for Drs. T.B. and Alan

Anthony Ear, Eye and Nose specialists. She married Angus Alexander Runcie in 1942. Angus Runcie was in the Army and served in Italy. Upon his return, Jean and Angus bought a home in North Burnaby where they still reside. The couple have two daughters and four grandsons.

Alex received his B.A. in teaching and taught at Lord Nelson School in Vancouver. In 1939 he joined the Navy and was loaned to the British Navy for the duration of the war.

Alex attended the University of Chicago where he received his Ph.D. in Adult Education, and later joined the faculty of Adult Education at the University of Syracuse, N.Y. Now retired, he is active in research in the field of Continuing Education. He has written books on the subject, and has travelled and spoken extensively, setting up departments in Universities throughout the world.

In April of 1986 he received the prestigious William Pearson Tolley Medal for Distinguished Leadership in Adult Education. Alex married Margaret McNaughton, who also has her Ph.D. and still lectures at the University of Syracuse. They have three married sons, one daughter and one granddaughter.

Both Jean and Alex renewed acquaintances at the Rosedale Homecoming in 1985.

## THE J.C. CHEETHAM FAMILY

*by Patsy (Cheetham) Hamilton*

John Cuthbert Cheetham came from Winnipeg with wife E. Dorothy (Sheldon) Cheetham to reside at what is now 50060 Yale Road East in 1923.

Mrs. Cheetham was from Prince Albert, Sask. John was a veteran of World War I and the farm was purchased under the Soldier Settlement Plan.

Mr. and Mrs. Cheetham engaged in dairy farming on this 25 acre farm and shipped milk to the Sardis Utility Plant of the FVMPA. They milked a herd of 16 cows, at first by hand, and in later years by machine.

The family attended Rosedale United Church until St. Peter's Anglican reopened. Mrs. Cheetham was an active member of Rosedale Missionary Society, and the East Chilliwack Women's Institute.

The family of three girls attended Rosedale Elementary School.

The girls often walked the three miles and have happy memories of sharing with the Albert Grigg and Herbert Grainger children in those long walks.

Mrs. Cheetham had a brother, J.L. Sheldon, who lived on Chilliwack Central Rd. The families shared many happy occasions together.

E. Dorothy Cheetham passed away in July 1941 and is buried in Chilliwack.

John Cheetham married Doris Kerr of Vancouver in 1948. He continued to farm until retirement in 1966 when they moved to Vancouver.

J.C. Cheetham passed away in 1977 and is buried in North Vancouver. Doris Cheetham still resides in Vancouver. The children are:

Audrey - Mrs. John Wells of Kamloops, deceased in 1984; the Wells children are Barry and Alison of

Kamloops, B.C.

Patricia - Mrs. D.N. Hamilton of Kamloops; the Hamilton children are Gerald and James of Kamloops.

Marjorie - Mrs. F.S. Willan of Kamloops; the Willan children are Joanne and Jeffery of Kamloops and Janice of Vancouver.



*Mr. and Mrs. John Cheetham with daughters; Marjorie, Patricia, and Audrey.*

## FRED CHIPISKI FAMILY

*Related to Fred Bryant  
by John and Mike Purych*

Fred and Annie Chipiski came to Rosedale in 1928 accompanied by the William Marchuck family, and bought ten acres on Ford Road from George Millson. Fred built the first house at 9495 Ford Road. He worked as a CNR sectionman in the Fraser Valley, Canyon areas and as far east as Avola and Blue River, B.C.

Mrs. Chipiski operated a small dairy farm and shipped milk and cream to FVMPA. The milk was first cooled by setting the cans in the creek, and to keep it cold in hot weather, she put wet jute sacks over the cans on the milk-stand. It has been recalled that she would put the men's overalls in the creek to soak before washing.

Annie Chipiski was a very fine neighbor and always came voluntarily to help a friend coil or cock hay. She was very good at this and could make a haycock that would shed rain better than anyone.

While living in the section house at Cheam View, she suffered a very painful accident that left her stooped and handicapped, but she still insisted on helping coil hay. In an effort to "steam out a cold or have a Turkish bath, she

put boiling water in a round tub and put a board across the tub, with a blanket over her. Unfortunately, she slipped and fell into the scalding water and was badly burned. Left alone for some time before help arrived, she spent months in the Chilliwack Hospital under a tent covering to allow new skin and flesh to grow. This was before the elaborate burn units that are in existence today.

Later Mr. and Mrs. Chapiski sold the Ford Road property and built a new home at 51038 Yale Road. Mrs. Chapiski suffered a tragic death in 1948. Fred Chipiski died in 1955. Both are buried in the I.O.O.F., Cemetery, Chilliwack, B.C.



*Fred and Annie Chipiski, John and Olive Purych and family.*

John Purych came to Rosedale at the age of eleven with his mother and stepfather, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Chipiski. They, with the William Marchuck family (see separate account) migrated from Sturgis, Saskatchewan, the dust bowl area of the province. Mrs. Chipiski and Wm. Marchuck were half brother and sister. Together the families bought approximately 10 acres from George Millson at the present address fo 9535 Ford Road. At first, they all lived in the one house, using the basement, with its dirt floor and the root cellar for sleeping accommodation. In time a subdivision was made and the Chipiski family built the first house on five acres at 9495 Ford Road.

The women and children milked a few cows and shipped milk and cream. A daily chore in the summer was to herd the milk cows on the roadsides to provide pasture. On occasion, their cows would get mixed up with the big herd of the Bryant's, who drove their milk cows to and fro to pasture on Nevin and Ford roads. A favourite pastime was to play "chicken" by throwing stones (the roads were all gravel then) between the Purych and

Marchuck boys and the Bryant boys. In one incident Les Bryant suffered a deep cut on his head, and carries a scar to this day.

John Purych attended Rosedale Elementary School and after grade 8 worked as a farmhand for George Bryant, and Clark Brannick. In 1933 John and Don Bryant hauled all the rock and gravel to build the large 80 x 36 foot dairy barn for George Bryant, from the Fraser River, loading and unloading a farm truck by hand.

At an early age John started working as a section hand with the CNR and put in 48 years of railroading before retirement in 1982. He acted as Section Foreman in many locations.

In 1936 John married Olive Jetter of Laidlaw, B.C. The wedding was conducted by Rev. T.S. Paton in the Rosedale United Church. They had five children - one died in infancy in Rosedale. Eve resides in Prince George, B.C., John Jr. in Eagle Bay, B.C., Dennis in Langley, B.C. and Dean in Kamloops, B.C. There are eleven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

John and Olive celebrated their 50th Golden Wedding anniversary on December 13th, 1986.

For several years John and his mother leased a 40 acre parcel of land on Nevin Road for grazing. This later became part of the Bryant farm. A unique means of clearing the brush growth on the land was to ring the bark off the trees about 3 feet from the ground. This would kill the trees and they could be cut later for dry firewood. Perhaps this had been learned from the way poplar trees had been harvested in Saskatchewan.

John Purych recalled that he bought 5 acres at 9395 Ford Road from George Bryant, the terms being: one cow down and \$25.00 of work or cash per month. John joked that he learned business practices from George Bryant, and, once at Avola on the CNR did even better, when he bought an old house for a bicycle as down payment and \$25.00 every three months.

The Ford Road property was sold a few years later to Archie and Viola Laughlin.

Mike Purych, a son of Mrs. Chapiski, was born in Saskatchewan, Sept. 17, 1909, and came to Rosedale in 1931. He found work on the CNR to be very hard and with no proper place to live. He loved mechanics and small motors and got around by riding a motor bike. He lived for some years in a small house on Nevin Road, just

at the intersection with Ford Road.

By sheer good fortune, he was at the Rosedale Blacksmith Shop one day, when he overheard the owner, Laurie Lobb, tell a customer that he was not able to mend a piece of farm machinery. Mike offered to do it as best he could and Laurie Lobb let him try. He continued fixing farm machinery at the Rosedale Machine Shop for the next 36 years. Mike became known as a good machinist and welder and he had a reputation that "if



*Mike's home and his riding motor bike.*

Mike couldn't fix it, it simply couldn't be fixed."

In 1945 Mike married Doris May Patterson of Vancouver and the couple have two daughters, Margaret and Evelyn. A very industrious man, Mike built two small houses on Munro Street in Rosedale and developed a hobby into a very meaningful home occupation. As a watchmaker and repairman Mike was widely known. This is an interest and hobby that Mike has continued after retirement from the shop.

Mike and Doris now live at 45839 Lewis Ave., Chilliwack, where they enjoy two young grandsons and Mike continues his interest in watch repairs. Keen bible students Mike and Doris are faithful church attendants,



*John Purych's home on Ford Road.*



*Doris and Mike Purych.*

who enjoy travelling and the company of friends.

A sister, Mrs. Jennie Luik, born July 4, 1915, lives in Vancouver, B.C. Jennie has three daughters, all married, and there are grandchildren.

## THE ROSS CHISHOLM FAMILY

*by Grace (Chisholm) Mallory*

Ross Chisholm came from Nova Scotia to the Fraser Valley in 1910 with his brother Gus, with the intention of farming. They rented a farm on Camp Slough road at the location presently numbered 51050. In 1913 Ross married Lottie Munro, daughter of James Munro of Rosedale. In 1919 they moved from Camp Slough to the former Nottingham home in Rosedale, then in 1921 they built a new home on a double lot on the S.W. corner of Munro Avenue and Muirhead Street.



*Ross and Lottie Chisholm with daughter Grace, 1938.*

From 1921, Ross was employed as agent and branch manager for the Rosedale branch of the Chilliwack Producers' Exchange, a farmers' purchasing and marketing cooperative which had organized in 1913. When the cooperative was sold to Brackman-Kerr Milling Company in 1928, Ross continued as agent under the new ownership until retirement in 1943.

Anyone from a distance, who found himself at the store at noon, was brought home and given a very substantial dinner. "Living so close to the C.N. track and station, we had hungry men at the door every day. No one was ever turned away hungry."

Ross worked for all aspects of the community but the main interest of the family was in the United Church. Ross was an elder and treasurer of the church, also superintendent of the Sunday School and unpaid janitor for many years. Lottie belonged to the Ladies Aid and

taught in the Sunday School. Daughter, Grace, belonged to the C.G.I.T. and young people's organization, and also taught in the Sunday School. She married Laurence Mallory of Okanagan Falls in the Rosedale United Church on Oct. 31/38 and moved to Okanagan Falls to live, later moving to Penticton. She has a son and three daughters and four grandchildren.

Son, Frank, joined the army in 1942 and went overseas in 1943, returning in 1946. He married Joyce Barker of Vancouver in July 1946. He was employed in footwear retailing, and in his senior years owned and managed his own footwear business. After retirement he lived in Ruskin, B.C. He passed away in 1987.



*Grace and Frank Chisholm.*

## THE FRANK CLARK FAMILY

*by Gladys Adams*

Frank and Rose Clark came to Rosedale from Winnipeg, Manitoba in 1934. Their first home was at 9585 Ford Road. They were accompanied by Mrs. Clark's two daughters, Gladys and Marguerite Williams.

Frank and Rose were both born in England and Frank served in the British Army during WWI, seeing military service in India.

An Interior Decorator by trade, Frank was also an excellent chef and it was this work that brought him to this area. During the depression years he worked with the CNR, cooking for work gangs stationed at different points along the rail line. It was while stationed at the siding in Popkum during July that Mrs. Clark and the two girls came for a visit. They became acquainted with Mr. and Mrs. Lars Peterson who showed them the Ford Road property that was to become their home.

The family soon became acquainted in Rosedale and



*Mrs. Rose Clark*

were active in St. Peter's Church. The girls attended Rosedale Elementary School and took part in the musical operettas organized by Percy and Vina Bartindale. Frank volunteered as Chef and Gladys recalls one big Pancake Party at the Rosedale Community Hall when the building was filled with the smell and smoke of "frying flap-jacks".

Frank also cooked for one session at the United Church Camp at Cultus Lake when Fred Bryant and Archie Paton had about 30 boys there, under canvas. It was the year of the abdication of King Edward VIII, and, Frank was a staunch monarchist, many good discussions were held.

Following school, Gladys worked as a practical homemaker and nursed her mother through a long illness. She also recalls with affection, working for Mrs. Beer and assisting with the large family. All attended the little church on Munro Street, and many a Sunday, Gladys would take the little ones for a walk when they got restless during services.

In 1946 Gladys married Leonard J. Adams. The couple had four sons and two daughters. The boys are: Glen, James, David and Jeffery. The two girls are Dawn and Diane. Since the death of her husband in 1974, Gladys has been active in the Ladies Auxiliary to Branch No. 4, Royal Canadian Legion, where she is currently a vice-president.

Gladys has served as a member of the Honour Guard that takes part in many parades; none where she marches more proudly than in the Rosedale Canada Day Parade. Seventeen grandchildren are a special interest at this time.

The girls' older brother, Ted, spent a great deal of time at the Clark home and worked with Don Bryant on the farm. It was Ted's army pal, Charles Pringle, who married Marguerite (Margey) at St. Peter's Anglican Church in 1943. It was a very wet day and Don Bryant carried the bride across the lawn to the steps of the church.

The couple lived in Rosedale where their family of four were born. The three girls: Elsie, Anne and Cheryl, and son Edward all attended Rosedale Elementary School. Both Charles and Margey Pringle died at an early age.

Rose and Frank Clark left Rosedale for work in

Calgary, Alberta, returning to the Chilliwack area to retire. Frank maintained his membership in Branch No. 4, Canadian Legion and his friendship with George and Ruth Bryant. To the surprise and joy of all, the couples were both from Christchurch, England, and talked of the old home on many occasions.

Rose Clark passed away in 1960 and Frank lived until age 87 years, passing away in 1984. Both are buried in the Legion Cemetery, Chilliwack, B.C.



*Frank Clark at Ford Road about 1935.*

## GEORGE CLARKE FAMILY

*by Isobel Kormendy*

Mr. and Mrs. Clarke Sr. came from Vancouver in 1929. Mr. Clarke who worked as a steam engineer commuted back and forth until their house was built. He built it close to the Hope River at 50907 Yale Road. He built another little cottage beside his house, where his son George and Alma Clarke came to live after World War II. A son Richard was born on April 8, 1944. Mrs. Clarke (Alma) died in October 1946 when Richard was only two years old. Bea Clarke, George's sister worked for the CNR in Montreal, and when Alma died she came in 1947 to make a home for her brother and to raise Richard. Richard went to school in Rosedale and Chilliwack, and after graduating from Chilliwack Senior High School he moved to Australia to work and live. After the death of his parents, George, Bea and Richard occupied the larger house and the cottage became his repair shop.

George was a first class automotive mechanic and operated a repair shop at his premises.

George spent the war years in the Navy. He married while in the Services, and Alma would move to wherever he was posted. Quite a bit of time was spent in Halifax, and he was discharged from there on a physical disability after developing Rheumatic Fever.

George worked for the Railway in Eastern Canada, and for many years for Columbia Bitulithic Co. as a steam engineer. When Columbia Bitulithic Co. changed from coal to oil George retired.

When he retired, he and Bea went to Australia several times to see Richard, but their hearts were in Rosedale, as they never stayed very long in Australia. George was an active member of Branch 4, Royal Canadian Legion, and both he and Bea were faithful members of Saint Peter's Anglican Church.

Bea passed away in 1985 just before her 86th birthday. George died in 1986.



*George and Bea Clarke.*

## THE CLEGG FAMILY

*John Clegg*

John and Edwin (Ted) Clegg, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Clegg, were born in Dahinda, Saskatchewan and spent their early years in West Vancouver where they attended school.

In 1936 the family purchased the Sam McElwee farm of 20 acres at 9008 McElwee Road, together with the adjoining 20 acres on the north side which had been owned by non-resident James Hamilton, a relative of Mrs. McElwee and her daughter Ruby. Brothers John and Ted operated the farm initially with domestic support from their mother Mrs. Margaret Clegg and two aunts, Mrs. Mary Martindale and Miss Elizabeth Clegg.



*John and Edwin (Ted) Clegg.*



*Mr. and Mrs. Warren Clegg.*

An additional 40 acres on the east side was acquired about 1940.

Ted Clegg served overseas in the armed forces 1940-1945. Upon return he married Louise Mantic. They lived in a separate home on the farm until 1954 by which time Ted had developed a business in residential construction, first locally and then in Chilliwack. The Navaho Inn in Chilliwack was constructed by Ted and operated by the couple for a period. Their two sons Dwayne and Ralph



*Beth Clegg and sister, Mary Martindale.*

have remained in the district and have likewise been engaged in building construction. A daughter, Linda, died in an accident at age 14. In recent years Ted has been

an Agassiz resident.

In 1947 John Clegg married Anne Cartmell of Rosedale, and they have worked the farm since that time as a dairy operation with a herd of purebred Jersey cattle. They have a family of two sons and three daughters.

Barbara, born in 1949, married Dwayne Brooke in 1981. They live in Kamloops where Dwayne has a position in the Range Division of the Provincial Forestry Service.

Richard (Dick), born in 1950, is a professional veterinary surgeon, having studied and trained in Saskatchewan and points east. In 1980 he married Daphne Cook of Okanagan Falls, and they have a family of three sons. Living in Sardis, Dick practices in the Chilliwack Valley.

John Jr. (Jack) born in 1952, remains at home as manager of the dairy operations. His father, semi-retired, raises Hereford beef cattle as a joint operation.

Margaret (Peggy), born in 1952, was active in 4-H Club activities, as were her older brothers and sister. In 1949 she married Wayne Robinson of Mossleigh, Alberta, where they now reside. They have one daughter.

Jane, born in 1965, is at home.

## **PETER CLOSE AND FAMILY**

*by Laurie Anderson from information recalled from Nellie and Violet Close*

Peter Close came to B.C. from Ontario in the early 1900's. He had training and experience as a steam pipe fitter, and he worked for the CPR on bridges in B.C., in what capacity it is not known. After losing three fingers in an accident, he turned to barbering in Mission for a short time before coming to Rosedale where he married Nellie Stocker and entered partnership with her father in 1909. On the death of the Stockers in 1912 and 1913, Peter and Nellie Close assumed ownership. As proprietors of a general store, they shaped the character of the business. Peter's influence led to a specialization in tools and plumbing, with pipe cutting and threading services, also a broad stock of hunting rifles and guns. At one time he won an award from the Remington Repeating Arms Company for a display of firearms. Nellie's influence led to stocking of clothing, fine fabrics for the Rosedale seamstresses, and toys for the Christmas season.

Peter had earlier experience with hose-and-reel firefighting and was chosen to be chief of the Rosedale Volunteer Fire Brigade which was organized shortly after hydrants were installed in 1911 and hose and reel purchased in 1912. He held the title of fire chief until about 1930, when the equipment had become unserviceable and no money could be found for replacement.

Both Peter and Nellie enjoyed music and contributed to entertainment in Rosedale on many occasions. Peter played cornet both solo and in local groups; Nellie played the piano.

They are remembered for a collection of succession of pets: dogs, Persian cats, canaries, a monkey Peggy and a parrot Corby. The store continued business until 1938, when it was closed. After Peter's death in 1945, Nellie

continued to live in the building until her death in 1968.

The Closes had one daughter, Violet, who was born in 1910 and attended local schools. Violet was a stenographer at the MacDonalds' Pharmacy in the Medical Dental Building in Vancouver, then at UBC in the Poultry Division.

In 1937 she married the Reverend A.W. Ogston who had been minister at Rosedale United Church in the years 1926-28. They lived in California then moved to Buckley, Washington. They had one son, Bruce. Reverend Ogston died in 1950. Violet passed away in 1978.

## **JOHN AND ELLEN STOCKER**

John and Ellen Stocker came to Rosedale from Ontario in 1906 with their daughter Helen (Nellie). It is recorded that Ellen Stocker was born in Missouri and it is believed that John Stocker came also from Missouri. They had operated a retail business in Harrow, in southwestern Ontario, for 20 years. It is not known what prompted them to start a new business in Rosedale in what could be regarded as their retirement years (Mr. Stocker's age was 72 in 1906), but they purchased two lots, now numbered 51278 and 9895 on Yale Road adjacent to the existing general store and had a store building constructed with living quarters on the second floor and a west-side annex. The store opened for business in 1909. Mr. Stocker soon found a business partner and son-in-law in Peter Close, and the business was referred to as early as 1909 as "Stocker and Close".

John Stocker died in 1912 at age 78, and Ellen in 1913, age 74, leaving Peter and Nellie Close with the business which they would operate for more than thirty years.

## **JOHN CLEMENTS FAMILY**

*by Marjorie (Clements) Alberts*

John, Jessie, and daughter, Marjorie (Bunty), 1 1/2 years old, moved from Duffield, Alberta where John had been a barber and Jessie had been a schoolteacher, to Rosedale in 1932. They bought five acres from Tom Paturel at 50646 Yale Road East. At that time this road was the Trans-Canada Highway.

John built a house, cabins and a service station. There were many cherry trees on the property, some of which were 30 feet in height, hence the name Cherry Grove Auto Court.

John passed away in 1943, Jessie in 1948. They are buried in the Legion Cemetery on Little Mountain.

Bunty and her husband, A.L. Alberts live on a ranch at Vernon, B.C. Their four children and families live in parts of northern B.C.



*Jessie and John Clements with Marjorie (Bunty).*



*Anne and Jack Way with Francis "Ed".*



*Edward Charles and Anne Collett, 1932-33.*

## **EDWARD C. COLLETT AND FAMILY**

*by Bob and Mary Collett*

Edward Charles Collett and his wife Anne came to Rosedale in 1926 and rented the Tribe property at 51710 Old Yale Road East. They had come originally in 1907 from England, where all of their children were born, and in the intervening years had farmed at Delburne in Alberta.

A daughter, Annie, and husband Jack Way came also in 1926. They rented the Bob McAdam dairy farm at 51839, Yale Road East, next to the Cheam Indian Reservation for a period of three or four years. Their son Francis (Edward) attended Rosedale School. His cousins Edward and Edna Anstey, whose mother was another Collett daughter Winnie, lived with their grandparents for two or three years, attended Rosedale School, and were well known to young Rosedale contemporaries.

Robert, grandson Harry, was born in Calgary and came to live with his grandparents after the death of his mother. He came in 1931 and attended the two senior grades in Rosedale School. Bob took over the Herbert

Brush farm at 51614 Old Yale Road in January 1938. In that same year his grandmother died, and his grandfather lived with Bob on the Brush property for five years until his death in 1943. In 1961 Bob married Mary Regehr who had come with her parents from Manitoba in 1944 to live in the Mercer home at Old Yale and Bustin roads. Bob and Mary continue to live and farm at 51614 Old Yale.

The senior Collett family were supporters of the United Church in Rosedale.

Alfred Collett, another son of Edward and Anne, lived also in Rosedale for several years at 10340 McGrath Road north. Born in Plymouth, England. He married his wife Muriel while working on the Prairies in 1926. Their first son, Donald, was born in Rosedale in 1931. Alf rented the Samuel Bustin property for a term, then worked on the Adolph Peterson poultry farm in Sardis. He left in 1938 for civil service employment in New Westminster with the Post Office, continuing in this service until his death in Calgary in 1956.

*Ed Way, George, Edward, and Bob Collett.*





Back row: George, Alfred, Bob and Harry Collett. Front row: Cathie Collett, Anne Way and Edward Collett.



Mr. and Mrs. Harry Cooper.

## THE COOKS OF ROSEDALE

researched by C.V. Ryder and F.H. Bryant

Joshua and Lucy Ellen Cook were prominent residents of Rosedale in the early years of this century. It is known that they were progressive farmers. At first they lived at the site of the present Junior Secondary School where they raised shorthorn cattle and kept a large number of pigs. It is recalled that the farm name on the milkhouse was Bow Park Farm.

A son, Fred Cook planned to enter the Christian Ministry and was a lay Preacher at the Camp River Church.

Fred married Sarah Eltruda Munro, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Munro of Munro, B.C. in February of 1916. His brother Harry Cook was groomsman.

Fred Cook trained as a schoolteacher, instead of studying theology and taught for some years at Vanderhoof, B.C. It is known that he taught at schools in Courtney, B.C. for some years in the 1940's and 1950's. He also taught in northern B.C. It is believed that he retired to live close to a daughter in White Rock, B.C.

Several persons in Courtenay recalled knowing Fred Cook as a very socially conscious person, active in the C.C.F. Party and on the Board of the local credit union.

Joshua Cook and his son Harry, who it is believed never married, in later years farmed at 10483 McGrath Road at a farmsite that was built when the road was still on the west side of Hope River. This 39.53 acre parcel was listed as the property of Mrs. Lucy Ellen Cook in 1925. This property was purchased by the Rudolf Schinkel family in 1943.

Lucy Ellen Cook and Fred Cook are buried in I.O.O.F. Cemetery, Chilliwack, B.C.

## THE COOPER FAMILY

by G. Van Baaren

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Cooper came to live on Chapman Road in 1904. They purchased the Albert Peet farm on the N.W. corner of Chapman and Castleman Roads.

Mrs. Cooper was the former Nina Davis from Fairfield Island. The Davis family was a pioneer family who lived

there before the flood of '94. Mrs. Cooper used to tell how she used a small boat to row passengers to safety on Little Mountain at the time of the flood. This was when she was a girl of 17.

Mr. Cooper came from England, and he was one of a family of 12, the son of a minister. He served in the Boer War before coming to Chapman Road.

The Coopers owned 80 acres of land and later subdivided it into 3 parts. Mr. Fred Neville bought one parcel about 1918 or 1919, Mr. Getty the other parcel and Mr. Cooper kept 40 acres for himself.

Mr. Jack Martin was the contractor for a new house the Coopers built on the corner of Chapman and Castleman roads. The house still stands as a heritage home built in 1918.

The Coopers had two children, Frances and Tommy. Both attended Camp River school. When Frances finished her schooling she went clerking in the Spencers' store, later Eatons. She was Cherry Carnival Queen in 1928 and was active in community work. She married Harold Manuel, well known high school teacher and Principal in Chilliwack. They are both deceased.

Mrs. Cooper, Senior, was president of St. Thomas W.A. for several years and attended St. James Church, Camp River; St. Peters Anglican church, Rosedale and St. Thomas Church, Chilliwack. Mr. Cooper Sr. often read the scripture in church services.

Tommy Cooper, an ardent fisherman and hunter, married Agnes Shelton a neighbour girl and lived on the family farm until about 1975, and then moved to Rosedale. They have two sons, Arthur of Chilliwack and Victor in California. Tommy died in 1977, Frances in 1978. Mrs. Agnes Cooper lives in retirement, in Chilliwack.

## THE CORDEROY FAMILY

by Marjorie (Corderoy) Roche

In 1919, upon returning from overseas service with the Canadian Army in World War I, Stanley, Victor and Dennis Corderoy and their brother-in-law John Dover drove from Calgary in John's car via the United States to visit Vancouver and the interior of British Columbia. They fell in love with the Fraser Valley and, with the help

of the Soldier Settlement Board, Stanley and Victor took over the farm at 10711 Chapman road next to the farm of Harry Cooper. They were subsequently joined by Charles and Marian Corderoy, their parents, and Phyllis and Marjorie, their nieces.

The forty-acre farm was expanded from a strictly dairy farm to include small fruits, raspberries and loganberries. Many of the local young people such as Frances Cooper, Doris Neville, Gladys Aitken as well as Mrs. Gregory will recall earning some pocket money by picking berries at the Corderoys.

The original house was remodelled by Stan and Vic from designs of half-timber work in the style of Tudor English by Charles Corderoy. There was a rose garden and a grass lawn tennis court included.

The family became involved in Camp Slough affairs, especially Stan and Vic in the amateur dramatics along with George and Flake Moss. The Camp Slough Community enjoyed such plays as *Charley's Aunt: Nothing but the Truth;* and *The Ivory Door.*

Stan and Vic were also very active in music in Chilliwack as they played several instruments. Vic became conductor of the Chilliwack Band which performed for important occasions as well as giving concerts. They were always on parade on November 11.

Stan and Vic, along with their father, Charles, played in the newly organized Chilliwack Symphony orchestra under the baton of Mr. Percy Hook. As well, Mrs. Corderoy, Stan and Vic sang with a number of church choirs in Chilliwack for special occasions.

Charles Corderoy died in December, 1932 and Stanley in April, 1933. As a consequence, Vic decided to rent the farm and move to Vancouver with his Mother and two nieces. They settled in West Point Grey. In 1938, following the settlement of the Munich Crisis, they left for England and settled in London.

In England, Marjorie married in 1940 and Phyllis enlisted in the Canadian Women's Army Corps in 1943. Marjorie returned to Canada in 1945 and Phyllis returned with the C.W.A.C. in July 1946, having served in Farnborough, Hants, Apeldoorn and Neijmegan, Holland, and London at C.M.H.Q. as a Lieutenant.

Mrs. Marian Corderoy died in London in May, 1950 and Victor survived her barely a year, dying in 1951.

## ARTHUR CORNISH

by R. Henderson

Arthur Cornish and his wife, Mary, moved to Rosedale from Lloydminster, Alberta, in 1924. With them came Reg Henderson, age 17, Mrs. Cornish's son by a previous marriage. They bought a farm at 50817 Castleman Road.

Mrs. Cornish was an excellent vocalist and is remembered as a member of the Rosedale United Church choir. She died in 1927. Mr. Cornish lived on the farm until 1939, when he sold to W. Brown and retired in Chilliwack.

Reg Henderson worked at various jobs in Rosedale, including distributing milk for the Martins. He developed skills as an interior decorator, establishing a reputation and devoting himself to this occupation. Inheriting



Mrs. McElwee and Mrs. Cornish on Nelson Street.

musical talent, he played piano and was a member of a dance orchestra for many years. He remained in Rosedale, and resides in the former Archibald home on Yale Road, east of the United Church.



Back row, l to r: Mrs. Cornish, Thelma Aitken, Frances Manuel, Mrs. Ritchie, Gladys Aitken, Mrs. Gregory, Reg. Henderson. Front row: -- Davidson, Willard Johnston, Leland Boule, Joe Johnston, -- Davidson.

## MR. AND MRS. JOSHUA COURTNEY

by Gladys Van Baaren

Joshua Courtney was born July 5, 1867. He married Laura Watson on April 21, 1897, in Schomberg, Ontario. Their children, Kenneth Allan and Bernice Helen, were both born in Schomberg.

The family moved to Rosedale about 1922. They lived at 10975 Camp River Road where Joshua farmed 50 acres of land. He grew nut and fruit trees as well as raising cows and shipping milk.

Joshua died in November 1937, and was buried in the I.O.O.F. cemetery in Chilliwack.

After Joshua's death, Laura moved to the apartments above the Royal Bank in Chilliwack. She stayed there for quite some time, then moved back to Rosedale for a year, where she lived next door to her niece Mrs. Florence Johnston, whose mother was Joshua Courtney's sister. Once again, after a year in Rosedale, Laura returned to Chilliwack to reside in the apartments above Auld Phillips' store until her death on August 8, 1953.

Bernice married and moved to Peace River. Allan married and moved to Vancouver.

## THE HENRY CREBER AND RUSSEL CREBER FAMILIES

*by Roy Creber and Phyllis (Creber) Rhodes*

The Henry Creber family arrived in the Camp River area in 1920 from Burnaby, B.C. and took up residence at 48995 Camp River Road. This farm was owned by E.D. Barrow who was M.L.A. and B.C. Minister of Agriculture. Mr. Creber operated the farm for Mr. Barrow.



*Mr. and Mrs. Henry Creber.*

The log house on this farm was home to Henry and Theresa Creber and sons, Roy and Harold. Henry's younger brother, Russell Creber and his wife, Margaret occupied a small house on the eastern part of the property at the same time, and assisted on the farm until 1923. Russell and Margaret Creber moved to a place of their own at 49219 Camp River, where their daughter, Phyllis, was born.

Phyllis tells of her widowed Grandmother Creber who booked passage by boat from England to Canada to bring her young family to New Westminster to stay with her eldest son, Henry, in 1912. Passage had been booked and paid for and all belongings disposed of, when word



*Russell and Margaret Creber, 1946.*

reached England of the sinking of the Titanic, the mother and her five young children came on the first ship to cross the Atlantic following this disaster. Everyone was very relieved when the ship arrived safely!

A very tragic incident had a bearing on the Crebers settling on a farm at 49260 Camp Slough Road. One Sunday morning three young children of a family by the name of Schmidt ventured out on to thin ice on the Camp Slough at the front of the Barrow property. The ice gave way and the children plunged into the icy cold water. Henry was able to rescue the oldest boy by first breaking the ice. He went into the icy water himself and was able to pull the boy to safety. Almost overcome himself by the chilly water he was saddened not to be able to rescue the two younger ones. Following the death of the children the Schmidt family sold the farm to Henry Creber and returned to Alberta.

Later a third son, Eric, was born to the Henry Crebers and the family remained there until 1946.

Roy Creber was an employee of the City of Chilliwack following military service and served as an assessment officer, later transferring to the B.C. Assessment Authority. Now retired, he lives in Abbotsford.

Harold served as an RCMP officer and is also retired. He lives at Mara Lake, B.C.

*The Henry Creber Home.*



## THE TRUMAN W. CROFTS FAMILY

by Lila (Crofts) Polichek

Truman and Mavis Crofts came to Rosedale in 1942 from Yale, B.C., accompanied by their family of three girls and three boys. The family first lived in Popkum at Ray Simoens house, then moved to Old Yale Road, adjacent to the Rosedale ball park. The next move was to a small farm holding at the extreme south end of Mc-Millan Road, later, they lived in a house that was part of the Kellers' Garage building.

Mr. Crofts obtained work with the road maintenance crew of the B.C. Department of Highways. The two younger boys, Allan and Rodney, attended Rosedale Elementary School. Mrs. Crofts was active in the ZWI group of the Rosedale United Church. The children attended Sunday School and played basketball at the Community Hall, and also enjoyed many good times there at social functions.

In 1947, at the age of 23, the eldest son, Donald, died of T.B. in Vancouver.

After Mrs. Crofts' death in 1952, Mr. Crofts and Rod moved to Quesnel where Mr. Crofts contracted a Rural Mail Route from Quesnel to Marguerite and never missed a day in 13 years. Truman Crofts died in 1975 at the age of 85.

Willa trained as a nurse in Royal Inland Hospital in Kamloops, graduating in 1949. She was a Public Health Nurse in Chilliwack, then Quesnel for four years, then as Head Nurse of the Maternity floor in Quesnel until her retirement.

She married Frank Stevenson in 1950. Four sons: Brad, Kent and Scott all live in Quesnel; eldest son Rick and wife now live in Queenstown, New Zealand.

Willa is now married to Carl Westerlund and has lived near Keefers in the Fraser Canyon for the last six years.

Lois married Jim Lewis from Atchelitz in 1949 and lives in Powell River. They have two daughters, Patricia and Susanne, and a son, Robert.

Lila lives in White Rock and has five children: Barbara, Ian, Joanne, Neil and Janet.

Allan married Margie Wirz from Chilliwack and lives in Quesnel. He has two sons, Barry and Rodney.

Rod graduated from high school in Quesnel and moved to Australia in 1963. He married Jean Rankin, an Australian girl, and lives in Brisbane, Queensland.

## THE THOMAS LEO CRONK FAMILY

by Leo Cronk

Thomas Leo Cronk and his wife Margaret Eileen Cronk were living in Estevan, Saskatchewan, at the outbreak of the second World War in 1939. Leo, as he is best known, enlisted in the 1st division of Royal Canadian Engineers in Saskatoon and was sent to Vedder Crossing in 1941, as one of the advance party to start construction of Canadian Forces Base, Chilliwack. The site was covered with trees and the men had to clear out the undergrowth. Soon a camp of 150 tents, each accommodating two to four men was set up in addition to mess tents and others.



Eric, Harold and Roy.

Eric worked as a machinist for Fortin's for a number of years and at the present time farms the original acreage of his Uncle Russell.

Phyllis Creber married Ernest Rhodes and farmed at 49169 Castleman Road where they raised their family of daughters Janet and Marjorie and two sons Dick and Brian. The children attended Rosedale United Church Sunday School and were in the 4-H Jersey Club. Phyllis is an active member of the Camp River Circle.

In 1974 they took over the Rosedale Rural Mail Route No. 1 and have maintained 14 years of service to the present (1988).

Following the death of Russell Creber, Ernie and Phyllis moved to his home at 50322 Yale Road.



Phyllis and Ernie Rhodes, 1946.

Leo's family followed him and lived first at Cultus Lake. Leo was drafted for overseas service and recalls crossing by the Rosedale Agassiz ferry over the Fraser River and boarding a troop train on the CPR at Agassiz, then moving across Canada to Halifax in 1943, and boarding a troop ship to England.

The children in the family at this time were three boys: Henry, Dwayne and Laverne and two girls, Mona and Kathleen. A third daughter, Delores, was born at Cultus Lake.

While her husband was overseas, Mrs. Cronk chose Rosedale for her family home and moved to 9818 Ford Road.

Upon his return from military service Leo Cronk worked as a house carpenter, and a heavy construction worker. He helped with the construction of the Springbank Dehydration Plant in East Chilliwack. Mrs. Margaret Cronk is fondly remembered as a very kindly and motherly lady who, for many years, was a popular babysitter for many Rosedale children. Mrs. Cronk passed away in 1980. The Rosedale home was sold and Leo moved to Chilliwack to retire. In 1982 Leo Cronk married Mrs. Jenny Pehota.

The Cronk family all attended Rosedale Elementary School and took part in sport activities of the Rosedale Athletic Club, and worked as young people on the farms and homes of the village.

Henry married and now lives in Calgary, Alberta. Mona married Wallace Livingston and lives in Markdale, Ont. Kathleen lives in Owen Sound. Dwayne lives in Hope, B.C. LaVerne is a public works employee living in Surrey, and Delores lives in Abbotsford.

## GEORGE AND MARGARET CULBERT

*by F.H. Bryant*

Mr. and Mrs. Culbert came from Saskatchewan circa 1936-37 and purchased the Shady Nook Auto Court at 50506 Yale Road. This auto court and store with residence had 8-10 cabins situated on the banks of Dunville Creek. It was a picturesque spot and a busy and popular stopping place for the motorist travelling the Trans Canada Highway.

George Culbert had been a schoolteacher and an accountant by profession. Both he and Mrs. Culbert became active in the community, especially Rosedale United Church. The Rosedale Women's Institute benefitted from Margaret Culbert's membership. George Culbert was an avid chess fan and he taught a number of boys the fine points of the game. Perhaps it was through chess that he became associated with E.L. Lobb, also a chess fan, and became bookkeeper at the Rosedale Machine Shop, a position he held for several years. As a volunteer he served as auditor of the books of several local organizations including the Rosedale Athletic Club. Several factors affected the Auto Court. The opening of the Hope-Princeton Highway in 1949, and the re-location of the Trans Canada Highway in 1958, along with improved motor vehicles requiring less highway maintenance and the advent of the camper units and motor homes all contributed to the demise of Shady Nook and

other auto courts, including Cherry Grove and Mount Cheam.

George and Margaret Culbert disposed of the property and retired to a quieter life in Chilliwack. Margaret passed away in 1977 at age 92 years. George passed away in 1978 at 94 years of age. Both are buried in I.O.O.F. Cemetery, Chilliwack, B.C.

## THE HOWARD DARLING FAMILY

*by Verda (Darling) Leakey*

Howard Darling was born at Cypress River, Manitoba. With his parents, he moved to this area to a farm on Reeves Road in 1920. That same year, Lizzie Farquhar from St. Fergus, Aberdeenshire, Scotland came to Chilliwack to help her sister. After their marriage in 1924, Howard and Lizzie Darling made their home, which Howard built himself, at 51130 Camp River Road. The Darlings' love of flowers and gardening was very evident as one passed their home. They farmed there until 1950 when they moved into Chilliwack. As well as being a farmer Howard was appointed road foreman with the Department of Highways in 1934. He worked in this capacity until retirement. Both Howard and Lizzie were active members of the Rosedale United Church where they sang in the choir. Their one daughter, Verda, attended Rosedale School and chose teaching as her career. She is married to William Leakey and lives in Chilliwack. Howard passed on in 1980. Lizzie died in 1985. Both are buried in the I.O.O.F. Cemetery Chilliwack, B.C.



*Howard, Verda and Lizzie Darling.*



*Mrs. Alma Davidson, and her sister, Mrs. Rose Tretheway.*

## THE IRA DAVIDSON FAMILY

*by Orville A. Davidson*

Ira Davidson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Davidson, was born in DeBert, Nova Scotia, July 28, 1877.

Mary Alma (Gilbert) Davidson, eldest daughter of Milton and Mary Gilbert of Rosedale, B.C., was born on April 14, 1891.

The couple married in Vancouver, B.C., May 4, 1910. They purchased property, now 51355 Old Yale Road in Rosedale, from Herbert Brush and built a home there in 1928.

There were 10 children born to this couple; only three are still living: Elmer Vernon - Born March 2, 1913 - Living in Beaverton, Ontario.

Mildred Evelyn - Born February 25, 1917 - Now Mrs. Stoney, living in North Vancouver, B.C.

Orville Alfred - Born December 2, 1931 - Living in Shongaloo, Louisiana, U.S.A.

Other members of the family were:-

Chesley Milton - February 6, 1912 - July 26, 1966.

Gordon Ira - April 11, 1916 - November 24, 1963.

Wallace Vallance - January 28, 1917 - November 6, 1962.

Bertil Wilfred - August 4, 1918 - August 31, 1976.

Alvin Lawrence - May 29, 1922 - Died at the age of three.

Nathala Bernice (Mrs. Rueben Jones) - October 15, 1924 - September 11, 1946.

Arnold Gilbert - June 2, 1926 - July 6, 1946.

Ira was a brick mason by trade, but during the depression years worked as a general labourer. Fred Bryant recalls when Ira and his five sons offered to cut 20 cords of hardwood for \$10.00, to have some Christmas money. This was in the depth of the depression, probably about 1932-33. The work took 3 days on property on Ford Road, south of Chilliwack Central Road.

The boys and girls all attended Rosedale Elementary School. After public school, the boys worked as swampers on Frank Merson's milk truck and on local poultry and dairy farms.

After the death of Ira (October 25, 1943) Mary Davidson continued to live in the home on Yale Road until it was sold in 1966, when she moved to the U.S.A. Mary passed away March 11, 1969, at Ontario, California.



*Reuben and Bernice (Davidson) Jones.*

## THE de KONING FAMILY

*by Julia de Koning*

Mr. and Mrs. D.G. de Koning came to live in this area in 1927 from Kiowa, Colorado, U.S.A. Their children were John, Jasper, Rena, Jacoba, Alida and George. John 22 yrs. old at the time, drove a Model T. Ford car with the family for the entire trip from Colorado to B.C.

In 1929 the family purchased a large farm at 49680 Camp River Road, on the southeast corner of Camp River and Standeven Roads. The younger children attended Elementary school in Camp River and Rosedale. In 1945 the youngest son George married Julia Renz of Camp River and from 1945 to 1951 the young people lived on the family farm. In 1951 George and Julia de Koning purchased the historic Munro farm at 49585 Camp River Road from Mr. and Mrs. Norris. George and Julia have a son Howard of Rosedale and daughter Doreen of Vancouver. In 1966 the de Koning family left the farm. In 1988 Mrs. Julia de Koning is living in Chilliwack.



*George and Mary Dennis and family: Buster, John, Florence, Lillian, Amy.*

## THE GEORGE DENNIS FAMILY

*by Marie (Dennis) McMaster and Rhoda Dennis*

The George Dennis family came from Manitoba in the early 1900's and purchased a 30-acre farm at 10195 McGrath Road in 1909, from George S. Smith. This property was immediately north of where the new school would be built in 1914. A new house was constructed by John Martin.

The family included John, Ruscombe "Buster", Lillian, Florence and Amy. Of these, only John and Amy remained in the area after marriage. Amy married William Fettes (see Fettes family account).

John served in World War I, returning to the family farm where, by his own account, he earned \$5.00 per month and had to give his father \$4.00. He walked five miles twice a week to court Alice Standeven, daughter of William Standeven Sr. of Camp Slough. They married in February, 1922, and lived on a farm across from Camp Slough Hall where daughter Marie was born. They attended dances in the Hall, parking the baby and carriage on the stage and dancing to the piano music of her sister Mary and the violin music of her father.

Following the death of his parents, Jack and Alice moved to the farm in Rosedale around 1926/27. Marie and her brother Bob, born in 1925, attended Rosedale School. Jack had decided on a change of career, and travelled to Decatur, Illinois, where he attended a course of instruction in auctioneering. Returning, he conducted

local sales and then in 1930 moved to Chilliwack, living across from Robertson School. The farm was sold and a confectionery business was bought on Wellington Street, formerly operated by Joe Turpin. The confectionery business was sold in 1938, to concentrate on the auctioneering business which had developed in Chilliwack.

Jack Dennis was an elected alderman of the City of Chilliwack in the years 1934-41. He died in Chilliwack in 1959, Alice in 1980.

Marie was married in California, then a second marriage took her to Worth, Illinois, where she now lives.

Bob married Rhoda Nichols in Chilliwack and remained in the employ of Cherry Motors until his death at age 60 in 1986. Rhoda and son Ray remain in the Chilliwack area. Daughter Mrs. Marie Hoeft is in Southey, Saskatchewan.

Marie McMaster remembers "My brother and I danced every Friday night either at Camp Slough Hall, Rosedale Hall or Fairfield Hall; and had some great times growing up."



*Amy and William Fettes, Alice and Jack Dennis.*

## THE De PENCIER FAMILY

*recalled by Marjorie (Keefer) Adamson*

The Rev A.E. De Pencier, who later was elevated as Archbishop De Pencier of the Anglican Church, owned a summer home at 50110 Castleman Road in the early years of this century.

Mr. De Pencier who was known as "the Bishop" to the neighbours, along with his wife and children spent the summer holidays here. The house had two large sleeping porches that were screened in and had room for three or four sleeping cots each.

At the outbreak of the First World War, Bishop De Pencier went on active service overseas and he asked my father, John N. Keefer, who lived at Burnaby, to look after the place in the family's absence.

So it was that the Keefer family came to live in the Camp River area. Our family remained on the property for the duration of the war. When it was sold by Mr. De Pencier to Harry Morgan, our family settled on the next farm to the west.

In the early years the De Pencier farm was subject to flooding as a major slough filled up on the front of the place much of the year. This has since been drained, but it made a great ice surface to play on in the wintertime.

I remember that Mr. De Pencier was a tall stately man, and greatly admired by all. I knew three of his children quite well and Betty De Pencier was a good friend. Sons Joe and Leo were also about my age.

Another son, Theo DePencier, like his father, volunteered for military service and went overseas in World War I. His name appears on the Honour Roll that hangs in Rosedale United Church.

## THE DOHERTY FAMILY

*Edna (Doherty) Laughlin*

Mrs. Jessie Doherty, widow of Isaac Doherty, with five of the couple's six children, arrived in Rosedale from Brandon, Manitoba in November 1937. The family members were Cecil, Allen, Edna, Jean and Kenneth - one son had died in 1914. All the children were born in Brandon. The family lived on the W.J. Thompson farm at 51756 Nevin Road.

Cecil found work at the Rosedale Machine Shop, before enlisting in the R.C.A.F. Later he was employed at C.F.B. Chilliwack and the dehydrated grass plant.

In 1952 he married and with his wife Maida moved to Ashcroft and then to Prince George, returning to Ashcroft to retire. Cecil passed away at eighty years of age.

The couple have a son Clifford a member of the R.C.M.P. and a daughter Marilynne who took nurses training at Vancouver General Hospital. She later married Dave Doyle and the couple have a son and daughter.

Allen married Ruby Hawkins in Rosedale in 1939. He worked for several years for W.B. Everett on the poultry farm on Old Yale Road. They later lived at 50891 Yale Road before moving to Saskatoon, where Allen was employed by the Quaker Oats Company for many years. The couple have a daughter Norene and a son Gordon.

While living in Rosedale the Allen Doherty family were active members of Rosedale United Church. Allen served as an usher and rang the bell for evening services for a number of years. Now retired Allen and Ruby continue to live in Saskatoon.

Edna Doherty married Tom Laughlin in 1943 and the couple lived on the Laughlin family farm at 50019 Camp River Road. Tom and Edna have two sons, Glen and Lorne, and daughters Irene and Sharon. Tom Laughlin died in 1962. After her husband's death Edna moved to Chilliwack and worked at Valley Haven Guest Home for eleven years.

Jean Doherty married Russell Nelles in 1942 and moved to Abbotsford where her husband was farming. The Nelles family are seven children and twelve grand-

children. Jean and Russell now reside in North Vancouver.

Kenneth and his wife Mary lived in Kelowna, B.C. for thirty years, where he was an employee in the City Public Works Department. The couple have a daughter Sandra. Ken passed away in 1982.

Mrs. Jessie Doherty passed away in 1968 and her body was returned to Brandon to be interred beside her husband.

## THE DOMONEY BROTHERS

*C. V. Ryder*

*(Information from Chilliwack Progress files)*

The two Domoney brothers, Leonard and Reginald, came to Rosedale about 1914-15. They took over the livery stable business which had been operated by James Thompson in the building adjacent to the Rosedale Hotel, owned by Charles Somers. This was at a time when automobiles were replacing horse-drawn vehicles. The Domoney brothers provided a jitney service between Rosedale and Chilliwack and a local taxi service, a business started by F.D. McIntyre in February, 1915 with Bert Pickering as driver, and continued in later years (post-war) by Ralph Smith.

In July 1915 Len Domoney married Mabel Ellen Braithwaite, daughter of William Braithwaite of Rosedale. In the same year Reg travelled to the prairies as one of a group of nine young men of Rosedale, to help in the grain harvest under conditions of labour shortage due to the war. He did not return until March 1916, having spent the winter with related family members in Alberta.

In February, 1917 Len Domoney sold the livery stable business to Frank Merson and in September left for a farm in Alberta, his wife and young daughter following shortly after. Their location in Alberta is not known, but it is recorded that daughter Aileen died in Alberta in 1919 at age three years.

## THE JAMES DONALDSON FAMILY

*by Millar Donaldson*

Mrs. James (Charlotte) Donaldson with her family of four children came to live in Rosedale from Hanna, Alberta, in the early 1930's.

The family lived on a small farm at the southwest corner of Yale Rd. East and Annis Roads. This house was later remodelled as a restaurant and is presently part of the Landsman Cafe.

The family members were three sons: Everard, Millar and Gordon, and one daughter Mary. There was an older daughter Keitha who married Ken Carpenter and who moved to South Sumas before the family moved from Hanna. Mary and Gordon attended Rosedale Elementary School and took part in Sunday School and Youth Groups at Rosedale United Church.

All three boys volunteered for active service in the Second World War. Everard served in the RCAF in Germany and France. Millar served in the RCAF in England. Gordon served in the Royal Canadian Airforce and saw action in the South Pacific. Upon his discharge

he married Betty and worked as a logger on Vancouver Island. Gordon passed away in 1987. Mary worked in the Royal Bank, later marrying Don Olson in 1942. Mary (Donaldson) Olson passed away in 1979. Everard passed away in 1985.

Millar "Mel" Donaldson was a member of the Chilliwack Postal Service for many years, after discharge from the Air Force. With his wife Elsie he now lives in retirement in Chilliwack.

## THE W.J. "JIMMY" DOUGHERTY FAMILY

by Ella (Dougherty) Knowles

Jimmy Dougherty was better known to his many friends as "little Jimmy". While short of stature, Jimmy was a big man where work was concerned and he was well-known also for the fine teams of horses that he kept.

Jim Dougherty was a familiar sight at plowing matches and loved to have his team in the horse pulling competitions at Chilliwack Fair. Prior to coming to live on McGrath Road in 1927 he had lived in the Popkum area and hauled cord wood for fuel for river boat steam engines and for loading on boxcars for the CNR. He also hauled shingle bolts and logs for the many small mills in the Rosedale-Popkum area.

In 1927 he bought 20 acres on the west side of McGrath Road north of Camp Slough paying \$5,950 for the land, buildings, seven cows, 2 heifers, some implements and a Model-T Ford car. He told of only being given one driving lesson from the owner, Mr. Len Domoney, who had operated the Rosedale Livery stable, and of being advised not to take the car out onto the road. However, after doing the evening milking he decided to drive to Popkum to visit his wife and, laughing at himself, wondered why the car jumped and bucked all the way there, only to learn that the hand brake was on 'hold' on one back wheel. He did not find it out until he got to his destination.

Mr. and Mrs. Dougherty raised chickens for eggs and had long chicken houses on the farm. Mrs. Dougherty was known for debating the morality of buying raffle tickets, but she acknowledged that chicken farming was one big gamble. Having pitched her strength, health and all her time to try and make a living, she could see no harm in taking a chance on a raffle ticket.

Mr. and Mrs. Dougherty had two daughters, Dora and Ella. After an eventful life, Mrs. Dougherty passed away in 1948. Mr. Dougherty later married Mrs. E. Burnett. They retired from the farm in 1959 and lived in the Chilliwack area until their deaths, Mrs. Dougherty in 1983 and Mr. Dougherty in 1984.

Mr. and Mrs. Dougherty's second daughter, Ella, now Mrs. Ella Knowles of Ansonia, Connecticut, writes in a letter dated January 4, 1985, that she often milked her father's twelve cows by hand when her dad was away working with the team in the woods and that she also pumped water by hand and carried it to 1,000 laying hens. She also helped her dad shingle the roof of the long chicken house. Ella says that her dad told her that it would keep her "hardy". "At any rate," she says, "they made us tough in those days."

## ALDRED DRINKWATER

by F. Bryant with information  
from Arnold Drinkwater

Aldred and Lottie Drinkwater with their children, Irene, Arnold (1917) Myrtle and Alice lived at Rosedale through the 1920's. A second son Joseph was a victim of the influenza epidemic of 1919.

Aldred Drinkwater was a High Rigger or "Bull of the Woods" for the McNair and Graham Lumber Company. When the mill operation ceased resulting from the financial crash of 1929 the family relocated to Tyneshead, B.C.



L to r: Alice, Myrtle Drinkwater, Judson LaMarsh, Arnold Drinkwater.

Reminiscing in 1988, Arnold, a resident of Greenwood, B.C. recalled that the family lived on the millsite just by the Cheam Indian Reservation on Old Yale Road. He remembered walking in 1923 with Taka Kojima for his first day at Rosedale Elementary School. Blessed with long curly blonde hair, at the teasing of some other boys, he let the local barber Dave Nevin cut it all off. His Mother was furious and went right down to the barber-shop. When Dave rebutted that "Arnold was a little boy" his Mother said, "Yes, but he is my little boy" and she made the barber gather up all the curls from the garbage pail and she took them home.

Arnold also recalled that William "Bill" Ross owned the first logging trucks used at the mill and that when the mill closed the trucks were able to be moved to Tyneshead. It was while the mill operated at Rosedale that the first donkey-engine was used to load logs. Prior to



Swimming at Cultus Lake. L to r: Myrtle Drinkwater, Mrs. Bill Ross, Bill Ross and son, Don, Alice, A. Drinkwater Sr., Mrs. Drinkwater, Winona, Woodward, ?.

this logs were skidded out of the woods by oxteam or horses.

Arnold Drinkwater was active in heavy construction work and was a partner with Ben McGrath and others in work on the approaches to the Rosedale -Agassiz Bridge and also the Waleach Power Project.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Drinkwater will celebrate their Golden Wedding in September of 1988. A daughter is Mrs. Don Osborne of Sardis, B.C.

## THE ECKHOFF FAMILY

*by Helen (Eckhoff) Van Winkle*

Fred and Margaret Eckhoff with their three children, Mildred, Lloyd and Helen came to Rosedale to reside on a forty acre farm at 50964 Camp River Road in 1933 after a brief time on Fairfield Island.

Our arrival in Rosedale was not as dramatic as our arrival to B.C. from Saskatchewan. Dad had ridden in the boxcar with the cattle and team of horses and when the train stopped in Chilliwack, the animals were unloaded and the family herded the cattle through the city to their new home on Williams Road North.



*L to r: Mildred and Helen Eckhoff, Marion Vallance.*

The Eckhoff family attended the Rosedale United Church and it wasn't long until Mother was involved with the women's groups; quilting, and only too happy to work in the kitchen washing dishes for the church suppers. She also joined the Women's Institute and Red Cross and helped to make many a quilt for both organi-

zations. Dad was kept busy on the farm so he didn't have too much time for community work. At harvest time the community spirit certainly came to the front when the neighbours and farmers would help each other with their corn picking, silo filling, haying or anything that needed to be done.

Mildred and Lloyd did not remain at home for too long. Mildred worked in East Chilliwack where she met her husband Len Burgess of Burgess Feeds. Lloyd had a paper route in Chilliwack, coming home on the weekends. Helen attended the old Rosedale School across from Archibalds store for grades 5 and 6 and the elementary school on McGrath Road for 7 and 8.

The Eckhoff family were all musical and enjoyed many good times with friends and neighbours for a sing-song evening.

Lloyd moved from the Valley in 1960 to reside in the Okanagan where he became active in the City of Armstrong, serving as a School Board Trustee and as an Alderman.

My husband, Jack Van Winkle, and I (Helen) took over an oil agency after the Second World War and it became well-known as Van Winkle Oil Distributors. We too moved to Armstrong in 1975, leaving our son Douglas to carry on the oil agency.

Fred and Margaret Eckhoff retired to Chilliwack in 1943 where they lived until Fred passed away in 1957 and Margaret Eckhoff in 1972. Lloyd passed away in the Vernon Jubilee Hospital in 1980.

In 1988, Mildred still lives in Chilliwack and Helen in Vernon.

## MARK EDMONDSON

*by Lois Dickinson*

*information from Museum Archives and Bill Bradshaw*

Mark Edmondson (1838-1930) was the father of John Edmondson, and hence the senior member of the Edmondson family group who came to Chilliwack in 1893. He was a native of Mitchell, Perth County, Ontario, and married a Scottish girl with an interesting name. She was Charles McCallum (nicknamed Charlie), born in Aberdeen, daughter of a sea captain, and was quite young when she came to Canada with her parents.

Some years after their marriage, Mark, accompanied by sons John and Jim and son-in-law Jack Laughlin, came west in 1891 via CPR. They settled first at Mission where they did carpentry work.

A year later, March 17, 1892, Mrs. Edmondson arrived at Mission with her daughter Lily and her two sons Will and Leo. Others in the group were: daughter Mae (Mrs. Jack Laughlin) with children Edith and Bud, and daughter-in-law Mrs. John Edmondson and her son Elwood. Margaret (Edmondson) Bushfield remained in Ontario.

In 1893 the Edmondsons moved to a rented home on Gibson Road, where they resided at the time of the 1894 flood. Son John, who then lived at Sardis, attempted to reach his parents by rowboat during the worst of the flood, but was forced to abandon the effort because of the strong currents.

Wanting land of their own, Mark and Charlie purchased, from Sam Hodges, 40 acres on Camp Slough, across from the Jespersion bridge.

Mark and Charlie's children included:

John who married Hester (Hattie) Laughlin.

Mae who married Jack Laughlin.

Archie who married Bessie Pickard of Michigan.

Jim of whom little is known.

Will married Mabel Reeves, daughter of pioneers Amram and Fanny Reeves for whom Reeves Road is named. The Will Edmondsons moved to Washington.

Leo married Maude Muirhead and lived on Rose Island. Their son Aldred was a well-known mail carrier.

Charles Norman first married Maude Harmon from McGrath Road in Rosedale. Their children were: Archibald Harmon, Albert Charles (Bert), Howard Mark, and Ada, who became Mrs. Alvin Gillanders. There was a daughter Gertrude and another son Billy who married Retta Peers.

Mrs. Charlie Edmondson (nee Maude Harmon) died and Charlie subsequently married Minnie Grigg of Cheam. They continued to live in Cheam where they raised their four sons: Oliver, Jack, Hugh, and Roy.

Lillian (Lily), the younger daughter who accompanied her mother to B.C., married Walter Bradshaw, son of pioneer Benjamin Southwell Bradshaw of Victoria Avenue. Their son Bill Bradshaw, now 88, is an important resource person for Chilliwack history, and has provided much of this material about his Edmondson grandparents.

There are many descendants of Mark and Charlie Edmondson, who came here almost 100 years ago, in the Chilliwack area.

Charlie died in July 1918, and Mark in April, 1930, at the age of 91.

Archie Edmondson, son of Mark, lived on the family farm in Camp River, and it was his daughter Daisy who married Hugh Laughlin.

Archibald Harmon Edmondson, "young Archie", son of Charlie Edmondson and Maude (Harmon) Edmondson, and grandson of Mark Edmondson, married Maude Minckler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Minckler who came here at the turn of the century. Archie and Maude (Minckler) settled in Sardis and their children are: Allan, Harold, Homer and Eileen (Mrs. Bert Street). Archibald Harmon Edmondson is credited with having the first motorized milk transportation in Chilliwack. (1925)

## THE JOHN EDMONDSON FAMILY

by Evan Edmondson

The John Edmondson family moved to the valley from Ontario in 1892. They lived first in Sardis and then Cheam before moving to Camp River around 1900. John had one of the first steam threshing machines in the valley. John and Hester Edmondson (nee Laughlin) resided at 50339 Camp River Road. They had a family of four: Elwood, Roberta, Alice and Edith.

Elwood married Jane Muir and lived at the farm at 50399 Edmondson Road. Edmondson Road is named for this pioneer family.

Roberta married Acton Pelly and lived in Chilliwack. She died in 1953.

Alice married Don Siddons and lived for most of her adult life in North Vancouver. Don was one of the Rosedale Elementary School's early principals. He is remembered for planting many of the original flowering shrubs and trees in the Rosedale Elementary School grounds. Alice and Don had one son, Roy, who lives in Kamloops, Alice passed away in 1975, Don some years earlier.

Edith married Lorne McPhee, B.C. Electric, Chilliwack office manager. She and Elwood sang in the Rosedale choir for many years, and played for Camp River dances. In Chilliwack, Edith served with distinction as organist in the United Church and later in Cooke's Presbyterian Church. She passed away in 1988.

Elwood and Jane raised a family of six: Leland, Gerald, Evan, Jean, Marion and Audrey, all of who attended school in Rosedale. Jane was active in the Parent Teachers' Association and made many of the costumes for the Rosedale May Day.

Leland served in the navy and Gerald in the airforce. Gerald died in 1970.

Evan married Velma Ballam and they make their home in Chilliwack.

Jean, Marion and Audrey became teachers. Jean Stanley has a family of six and lives in Westlock, Alberta. Marion Harvey has three children and lives in Coquitlam, B.C. Audrey Jenkins has one daughter and lives in Courtenay, B.C.



Mrs. Lillian (Edmondson) Bradshaw, far right. Her son, Bill and his cousins: Roberta, Edith and Alice Edmondson.

First tractor drawn threshing outfit in the valley, owned by J.C. Edmondson.



## THE FRANK EICHSTADT FAMILY

*by Jeanette (Eichstadt) Knowles*

Frank and Martha Eichstadt, with their four daughters, Doris, Pearl, Joyce and Jeanette, came to Rosedale in 1934 and purchased the William Marchuck place at 9535 Ford Road.

Frank Eichstadt initially immigrated to Saskatchewan from the States, and the move to Rosedale was a semi-retirement. The family kept a few milk cows and shipped milk to the FVMPA. Frank planted a small acreage of raspberries which, he felt, would give the girls something to do.

Frank became a good neighbour and provided a much needed private taxi service to Chilliwack. In his small shop he did minor repairs as well as providing a sharpening service for many of the neighbours mowers.

Joyce and Jeanette attended Rosedale United Church and took part in the Young People's Society. Both took part in the operettas of the Rosedale Players that were organized by Percy and Vina Bartindale.

Jeanette played the organ for the United Church Sunday School for several years prior to her marriage to Percy Knowles. Percy and Jeanette have two children. Terry lives in Pitt Meadows, B.C. and Wendy lives in Burnaby, B.C.

Percy worked as an officer for B.C. Ferries. He is now retired and he and Jeanette live in Maple Ridge, B.C.

Mrs. Martha Eichstadt passed away at age 64 in 1943. Frank Eichstadt passed away in 1956 at 86 years of age. Both are buried in the I.O.O.F. Cemetery in Chilliwack.

Fred Bryant recalls a bit of real homespun philosophy characteristic of Frank Eichstadt. While plowing one day Frank said to Fred, "You're plowing that far too deep (about eight inches). Don't you know that it took the good Lord 20,000 years to make that top soil and you're burying it in 20 minutes."

## CYRIL ELGEY

*by Ron Gray and F. Bryant*

Cyril Dodds Elgey came to live in Popkum in the early 1920's and built a home on the north east corner of Popkum Lake and at the western end of the road that now bears his name.

He was a nurseryman by trade and was well and widely known in the area. A bachelor all his life, he kept a nice home and garden and enjoyed visitors.

The records indicate that he was born in 1868 in England. He resided for sometime at Valley Haven Guest Home in Chilliwack, and passed away on July 9, 1954 and is buried in the Anglican Cemetery, Chilliwack.

## DR. JOHN ELLIOTT AND FAMILY

*recalled by Irene (Kerr) Tagert*

Dr. John Elliott was the only resident doctor that Rosedale ever had with an office and practice in the area.

With his wife, Peggy and son, Jack and daughter, Kathleen, the Doctor came to Rosedale from Arrowhead, B.C. in 1908. The Elliotts first lived at what is now 9818

Ford Road, then called Hopedale Ave.

A very busy general practitioner, Dr. Jack Elliott became affectionately known to everyone, for he was always answering "Calls" and went wherever he was needed, at all hours of the day and night.

I recall a conversation that the good doctor had with my mother, Mrs. Mary E. Kerr, who often assisted him as a midwife. The Doctor on this occasion told Mother of how tired he was, but that he had to go and see patients at Promontory Heights and Ryder Lake. Mamma assisted Dr. "John" at the births of Jack Tribe and Eleanor Mercer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Mercer.

It was not long before the Elliotts built the fine home with the beautiful small stone fireplace, at the corner of McGrath road and Church Streets. This lovely old home is still standing. It contained an office and surgery room for a continual stream of patients. It was at the time when the large mills were in full operation and many people of various nationalities were treated with care and expertise.

It was about this time when the "Doctor" shocked our little community by purchasing a yellow "Moon" car. This was the first car in the village. I can well remember that if the doctor could spare the time, he would give us kids a ride. It was a breathtaking experience and he enjoyed it as much as we did.

Within a few years, Dr. Elliott and his family moved to Chilliwack and resided at the corner of Yale Road and Princess Avenue.

However a terrible tragedy was to bring the life of a wonderful doctor to a sudden close. As Chilliwack celebrated one of its first Cherry Carnivals in 1927 on July 1st, the day of celebration ended with a concert and dance at the Opera House. Miss Kathleen Elliott danced the night away to music of the orchestra, in which her father Dr. Elliott played violin, my future husband Joe Turpin played the drums and Mrs. Charlie Barber was at the piano.

Early the next morning after the gala evening was over, the doctor was called out to see a patient near South Sumas Road. Returning from that house call, the doctor's car was struck by the special B.C. Electric train that was returning to New Westminster with the many visitors who had been at Chilliwack for the carnival. The car was carried several hundred feet down the track. Dr. Elliott suffered a crushed chest and despite strenuous efforts by the staff at the hospital to save his life, he succumbed to his injuries a few days later. Needless to say the whole town was distressed and in deep shock.

In tribute, I recall hearing the nurses at the hospital say "When Dr. Elliott enters a sick person's room, the patient becomes "well". He had an aura of assurance and was a most concerned and kindly person. He was a very tall slender man, quick of movement but always busy going on "Calls".

He was a frequent visitor to our home, but I recall that he never took time to sit down in an easy chair. He would pull a chair out from the table and put his left foot on the edge of the seat, and his elbow on his knee, with his hand on the side of his face. This is the way he would relax. It was a sign for Mamma to disappear into the pantry and come out with a piece of pie or perhaps cake, just what the good doctor could handle with his other hand.

## C. JAMES AND ELSIE ELLIS AND FAMILY

by Rosemary (Ellis) Burns

On May 1st, 1933 my parents, myself and baby brother, David, moved from Fairfield Island by team and wagon to the Bell farm at 50585 Yale Road East, west of Rosedale. Working farms for absentee owners was a way of staying off the dole, or relief, during the depression, usually for a roof over one's head and very little monetary gain.



*Elsie and Jim Ellis, early 1940's at Cultus Lake.*

At that time the property backed onto the Indian Reserve. Across the road was vacant property flanked on the one side by the Shady Nook Auto Court operated by Mr. and Mrs. George Culbert, and the Cherry Grove Auto Court on the other side. The Cherry Grove Auto Court was operated by the Clements and Marjorie (Bunty) Clement was my playmate.

We didn't have running water in those years --- there was a spring coming from the bank of the slough, not far from the bridge crossing the slough. Mother and Dad used to carry water from this spring for our household needs.

I remember the spring stayed very cool in summer and a timber was braced across the top of it to keep the butter and other items cool. The milk cans stood in a shallow depression with cold water running constantly over them. We learned later that the bridge was dynamited during the flood of 1948. A new bridge was built but has since disintegrated. Chapman Road bridge was built later, too.

Our sister, Elsie-May was born while we were living here. I remember the ice storm of January 1935, telephone poles were down along with the wires. Dad chopped a large hole in the ice along the slough edge where the cows usually drank, so that they could get water. However, one cow wandered out too far onto the thinner ice in the centre and broke through and drowned.

I started Grade One at Rosedale Elementary School. I don't remember my teacher's name or much about those

few months. I do recall being picked up by a neighbor in a sleigh and taken to school during the severe winter weather.

In April of 1937 Dad moved the family to the Beaton farm at Popkum. I continued Grade One at the Popkum School. Neil Darrough was the teacher and there were several grades in the one room. Peggy Munro and Lawrence Vallance were both in my grade, as well as one of the Thompson boys.

Our youngest sister Margaret was born while we were living here. Again we had no running water. The pump was out in the yard and water was carried for the household. My brother and I took turns pumping water into the milk house during the hot summer days to keep the milk from turning. As we were older we had more chores to do.

We had a pig and some chickens to look after. My brother and I walked to pick up milk from Ray Simoens. The second World War had started and job opportunities were increasing in the cities. Dad found a job in a mill in New Westminster and after some months of looking for a house found a small home to move us to. On February 14th, 1941 we moved, by truck, to New Westminster. The adjustment from a rural area to a large city, and from a small one room school to a large city school of over 400 pupils, was not easy for us children.

I moved back to Chilliwack in 1950 to take a position with Cherry Motors. Now, after many years, I am living back in Popkum. My parents are still in reasonably good health and live in Burnaby. They often drive out to this area to visit. When my Father said he never expected one of us to ever move back to Popkum, I told him that this time it was different. We have running water, indoor plumbing, electricity and a car!! A big improvement over the 1930's and early 1940's.



*Beaton Farm. L to r: David, Elsie-May, Rosemary, Ellis and visitor, about 1939.*

## THE ENNIS FAMILY

by Fred Bryant and Laurie Anderson

Arthur Ennis, born 1791, and his wife Elizabeth Riley Ennis, emigrated to Canada in 1828, from Ireland. The couple settled first in Lanark County near Ottawa. After the death of his wife, Elizabeth, Arthur Ennis with his young sons relocated to Enniskillen Township, Lambton County, Ontario. Arthur and Elizabeth had a son, David, born in 1830 who died in 1897.

David and his wife, Elizabeth had six sons: James,



Mr. David Ennis

born in 1855, Robert, born in 1857, John, 1859-1910, David Jr. 1861-1905, Arthur 1863-1912, and William, 1873-1965, and daughter, Mary Ann, 1866-1949.

Two of the five brothers came to the Chilliwack Valley as early as 1882. It is known that son, John Ennis also came to Rosedale in the 1890's and died here in 1910.

In 1891, the youngest of the five boys, William "Bill", accompanied by his father, David Ennis, Sr., left Wyoming, Ontario, near Petrolia and Sarnia and came to join his older brothers in Chilliwack. Bill was a young man of eighteen at the time. His mother and his sister, Mary Ann, remained in Ontario. Unfortunately Mrs. Elizabeth Ennis died before her husband was able to return to Ontario.

Miss Mary Ann Ennis, 1866-1949, married John Maw. Credit is due to Pat Guthrie of Calgary, a great-granddaughter of Mary Ann Ennis Maw, for much of the research and writing necessary to compile the early history of this large pioneer family.

David Ennis, Sr. remained with his sons in the Upper

Valley until his death on October 6, 1897, at the age of 67 years. A historical grave marker in the Pioneer Cemetery on Mount Shannon bears this inscription;

"In loving memory of David Ennis - Died 1897, Age 67 years

*A tender friend and parent dear, a loving soul lieth here  
Great is the loss that we sustain, but hope in heaven to meet again."*

Arthur Ennis, 1863-1912, also came to this area, arriving in 1882. Arthur settled in the East Chilliwack area and married Elizabeth Barlett of Rosedale. There were no offspring.

The middle boy of the five brothers, David Jr., 1861-1905, also came to Rosedale in 1882. He lived in Rosedale and Popkum for twenty-three years before his death in 1905. He married a native of Scotland by the name of Cook and had a family of five sons; Percy, (killed in WWI), David, the third of that name, Oscar, Arthur, the third of that name, and Harvey, 1904-1917, who drowned in a backwater of the Fraser River at Rosedale. He had one daughter Ivy, born in 1897, (now Mrs. Scott Fenton of Burnaby).

David Ennis, 1882-1950, married Mary Wallace of Fort Langley, and this couple had four daughters; Beatrice, (deceased), Kay, born in 1913, Olive (Mrs. Jackson) in 1921, and Helen (Mrs. Grimes) in 1927.

This David Ennis family lived for some years at 51075 Nevin Road, and the children attended Rosedale School. They lived in a four room house and the family lived here during the early 1930's. There was a small barn on the property and an orchard of apple and pear trees. The family also kept a milk cow. The also lived in Popcum.

Arthur "Artie" Ennis, 1895-1981, later occupied the place at 51075 Nevin Road for a number of years. Artie Ennis is remembered as a very congenial man with a ready smile and was employed by local farmers to do fieldwork. He was a member of the Rosedale Volunteer fire department in 1916.

Artie was a bachelor all his life. Later he lived with his uncle Bill Ennis at Popkum and it is recalled that he affectionately referred to his uncle as "Uncle Will". One evening during a Christmas concert in the Ennis Sunday

Mr. Bill Ennis and his nephew, Artie.



School Hall, the children were excited that Santa was coming, and Artie was as excited as the others. It is felt that Artie had peaked into the back room and had received a personal interview with Santa, ahead of time.

The Ennis men were all industrious hard working men, true pioneers of the newly settled area, however it was William Ennis who was best known in the Rosedale-Popkum area. While he remained a bachelor all his life, he developed a large farm acreage that soon became the centre of Popkum village. Nearly all of the settled business area of the present day (1988) Popkum was at one time land developed by Bill Ennis.

Bill Ennis was a man who had his finger on the pulse of the young community for at least seventy-five years. Bill was interested in the children of the community and he provided a meeting room for the Sunday School in the unused store at the front of his home. For the period 1925-1936, Bill operated a Dance Hall in a hall that he developed in the former Highways construction work camp. This was during the Great Depression and the good times at the dances held every two weeks did a great deal to help the families of Popkum through those difficult years.

Bill Ennis became a legend in his own time, a great raconteur, who loved to relate tales of his experiences of earlier years. He was active in the Centennial Committee celebrating the founding of the Colony of British Columbia. This group was the forerunner of the Popkum Ratepayers Association and the Mount Cheam Branch, Senior Citizens of B.C.

Bill Ennis remained alert and interested in the changes that were taking place as he lived in his small house beside the highway, where he surveyed on a daily basis, the land and community that he had been a part of for so many years. Bill died in 1965 and is buried in the I.O.O.F. Cemetery, Mount Shannon, Chilliwack, B.C.

Oscar Ennis born in 1902, never married. He was a logger most of his life, working on Vancouver Island. He returned to Popkum to retire and for several years until his death in 1979, he shared a cabin with Artie at Mount Cheam Motel.

In 1988, there are no Ennis names in the telephone book, but this large family will not be soon forgotten.

*Birthdates from Ontario Census.*

## **GARNET ENVES AND FAMILY**

*by Tannis (Enves) Else*

Garnet W. Enves was born in Petersfield, England. His wife, Ada Mackie Enves, was born in Owen Sound, Ontario. In the mid-twenties, the Enves family arrived in Rosedale from Yorkton, Saskatchewan, by way of Vancouver. All four daughters were born in Yorkton.

Mr. Enves joined the staff of E. Archibald and Sons, General Merchants in Rosedale, as butcher and vendor in the meat department which was an expansion of the Archibald business in January, 1928, coincidental with closing out the dry goods department.

The four Enves daughters are: Mrs. A.W. Else (Tannis Helene), of Agassiz, Verna M. Enves, of Vancouver, Mrs. Yvonne M. McMillan, of Vancouver, Mrs. G.R. McDonald (De Vee) of Coquitlam.

All four girls attended Rosedale Elementary School and the United Church, and were members of the Rosedale Athletic Club. Verna was the Elementary School's May Queen in 1928, and later Yvonne was a May Queen's attendant.

Yvonne was one of the first girls in the district to have a paper route, which took her on her bicycle along Ford Road and vicinity.

One summer, Tannis and Verna joined a group to climb Cheam Peak, and another summer Yvonne and some friends made the climb.

In January, 1934, the Enves family moved to Agassiz where the two younger girls attended school and where De Vee was a May Queen. Later De Vee joined the RCAF (WD) and served in Canada and England.

## **MR. AND MRS. JOHN ESAU**

*by G. Van Baren*

Mr. and Mrs. John Esau, with their family of eight children came from Coaldale, Alberta. They bought the William Fettes farm about 1944. This property, listed as 50339 Castleman Road, is now owned by Mr. Crosman.

The names of the children in age succession were: John, Peter, Abe, Katie, Henry, Jake, Dave and Walter. Walter stayed on at the old home place and farmed it until about 1974. He served as secretary of the local Rosedale FVMPA for several years.

The family was active in the Chilliwack Central Mennonite Brethren Church. The family are all married and have homes of their own. Walter, at the present time, is director of music and a real estate agent.

Mr. Esau had a mixed dairy farm and had a large raspberry patch. There was a contest one year in the valley to see who could pick the most raspberries in a day. Abe Esau decided he wanted to beat the record of a Yarrow girl, who picked 370 pounds of berries. Abe got up early and started picking at seven a.m. He picked steadily until seven p.m.

When the final tally was made at the end of the day he had picked 400 pounds! Afraid of losing, had he stopped for dinner he compromised - eating a sandwich held in one hand as he picked with the other. He was quite proud of himself for picking 400 pounds in one day. Considering the size of a single berry, that was quite a feat.

Abe lives on McSween Road, Fairfield Island. He is married and has five children. He keeps himself busy raising beef cattle. Things had been going well for Abe until two years ago. One windy winter day his barn caught fire. He lost twelve head of cattle.

Apart from that stroke of fate, the Esaus, a hard-working family, are all doing well.

## **EVERETT FAMILY**

*by F. Bryant*

Two brothers, William "Bill" and Fraser Everett came to Rosedale from New Brunswick and were active in the community for a period from the 1920's to the 1960's. A single sister, Miss Cordela Mae Everett, lived with Bill and

Anne Everett. She died in 1946, at 90 years of age.

Both brothers were active poultry farmers working with large numbers of laying hens. Each family was regular in church attendance taking part in the large adult bible class of the United Church for many years.

Mr. and Mrs. William Everett owned 5 acres of land at what is now 51648 Old Yale Rd. He kept approximately 2-3,000 laying birds, using deep, litter, open pens of up to 125 birds per unit, with elevated roosts and dropping



*Mrs. Bill Everett, Bill Everett, Mrs. Max Stevenson, Max Stevenson and Adolph Peterson.*

boards and a battery of nesting boxes. The birds would be raised from hatching with oil heated incubators and later grass or range housed until laying age. The coming of power in 1932 enhanced the poultry business, making a much safer rearing operation and the ability to extend the daylight period to fourteen hours a day added greatly to egg production.

The possibility of a power outage was a great worry to those raising and incubating chicks. He built one of the first two-storey or double decker hen houses, which resulted in a more economical building unit. Mr. Everett kept a cow or two for home milk supply.

The gathering of eggs was a chore and was done two or three times a day by hand. The eggs would be taken to an egg room which was insulated to keep it as cool as possible, the eggs would be cleaned, weighed and candled by hand before shipping. Mr. Eric Brolin operated an egg pick-up service for many years, taking truck loads to Vancouver markets.

For several years Allan Doherty worked for Bill Everett and after he was married in 1939, lived in a cabin on the Everett farm.

Allan recalls that carloads of feed wheat being unloaded loose and by hand shovelling from the siding at Rosedale Station the time eggs were selling at 8¢ a dozen.

In 1945 the farm was sold to Stan and Lavina Deasty as a going concern.

After the farm was sold, Bill Everett built three new homes for himself. First at 50526 Yale Rd. and then at 50894 Yale Rd. and finally at 9865 McGrath Road.

For a few years, Miss Ola Everett, a niece, lived with Mr. and Mrs. Everett.

Annie Mae Everett died in 1954 at 83 years of age.

W.B. Everett, born 1870 died in 1956. All are buried in I.O.O.F. Cemetery Chilliwack, B.C.



*?, Bill Everett, Frank Kerr on Mount Cheam.*

## THE FRASER EVERETT FAMILY

*by Harold Everett*

Mr. and Mrs. Fraser Everett, with their son Harold, lived at 51123 Yale Road, where they also had an extensive poultry operation. They had a retail business selling eggs to many local families.

Son Harold had the misfortune to lose a hand in a hunting accident at Popkum Lake. Harold attended Rosedale Elementary School and left Rosedale to pursue a business career in accounting. Mr. and Mrs. Everett attended Rosedale United Church, however in later years, attended First Baptist Church in Chilliwack.

They later moved to Chilliwack to retire after the farm was sold to Peter Penner in 1945. After operating the poultry farm for a year or two, Mr. Penner subdivided the property into lots. A number of nice homes have been built facing onto Yale Road, with each having a nice river frontage at the rear.

In 1988, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Everett reside in Burnaby, B.C.

## THE FALLAS FAMILY

*by Marjorie (Fallas) Boschman*

Our grandparents, The Fallas', sailed from England in 1913, on the Empress of Britain. Charlie, our father, was four years old at the time. He grew up in Manitoba. Our mother, Maude Wescott, was born in 1915, in Whitewood, Saskatchewan and resided in that province for most of her young life.

Charlie met Maude in Saskatchewan and they were married on Feb. 11, 1937 in Deloraine, Manitoba. Their first two daughters were born on the prairies. Linda in 1939, and Elaine in 1941. The family moved from Manikota, Sask. to North Vancouver, B.C. where Charlie worked in that area in the shipyards.

In 1943, they moved to Rosedale and Charlie went to



*Maud and Charlie Fallas, 1937.*

work for the Rosedale Machine Shop. The house on McGrath Road was not ready for use when Charlie's job started so he "batched" with Mike Purych for a month until the family could join him at our home on the David Hill farm on the east side of McGrath Road.

In 1944 their third daughter Marjorie was born and a son Gordon was born in 1948.

The flood in 1948 is remembered by all. Charlie worked at his job during the day and then put in another eight hours directing flood traffic on Jespersion Road.

Charlie was a member of the Rosedale Volunteer Fire Dept. for 21 years. He was also a member of the Rosedale Athletic Club for two years and helped with the Rosedale Cub Pack for several years.

The family lived on McGrath Road for 18 years. One winter day remembered was February 13, 1951 when the winds were blowing 60 m.p.h. Charlie walked home from work and some of the drifts were so high he could have touched the telephone wires. He carried a coal sack over his head and had to stop at Iver Erickson's to rest before walking the rest of the way home.

Remembered too, are the good times Maude and Charlie had at the annual corn roasts down by the river with their friends, Clayton and Elva Johnson, Leigh and Evelyn Munro, Iver and Dot Erickson, Johnny and Ruby Love and many others.

The family moved to Gill Road for another 13 years. Maude liked the summers and fall best when she could get on her bike and go picking berries and harvesting nuts with her friends. She was a life member of the Rosedale United Church Women and the Women's Institute. Both Charlie and Maude are life members of the Camp River Hall Society.

Charlie retired on October 24, 1973 from the Rosedale

Machine Shop. They moved in the fall of 1974 to Loon Lake. A farewell party was held for them at the Camp River Hall.

Loon Lake had been our holiday retreat for many years and during this time the home beside the lake was built. We have fond memories of Maude skating on the lake with assistance of a chair. The property was sold in July 1981, due to ill health and they moved to Gordania Estates in Rosedale where Charlie currently resides. Charlie's comment is "There's no place like Rosedale and the chickens always come home to roost."

Maude passed away on Feb. 28, 1983 after a lengthy illness.

Linda Fallas Larsen lives in Sitka, Alaska, where she is a Professor of Arts at Sheldon Jackson College. Linda has three daughters and two granddaughters all living in Washington State.

Elaine is currently employed at the Chilliwack General Hospital. She has a son living at home and a daughter in the Chilliwack area.

Marjorie is Office Manager at Cherry Ford Sales in Chilliwack, and has a son living in Kelowna and a daughter in Edmonton, Alberta.

Gordon is employed by Lineham Logging. He and his family are still enjoying life on McGrath Road in Rosedale.



*Back row: Charlie, Mr. and Mrs. Fallas, Sr., Maud holding Gordon.  
Front row: Linda, a friend, Elaine and Marjorie.*

## THE HENRY FARRANTS

*by S.E. "Ted" Farrant*

Henry Farrant, 1882-1960, and his wife Gertrude (Lear) Farrant, 1881-1964, came to Rosedale from Didsbury, Alberta in 1942.

They had heard good things about this area from their daughter Iris Eleanor "Mickey" Muirhead, who had married Raymond W. Muirhead in 1939 and settled in Rosedale. Henry and Gertrude lived at 9854 Ford Road just off Yale Road, in the village, for nearly twenty years.

Rosedale was supposed to be retirement and likely it was from farming in Alberta, but Henry worked for two years as custodian at Rosedale Elementary School, where he was popular with staff and students alike.

At about this time Archibald's store was expanding

and Henry let Earl Archibald talk him into taking charge of the meat department. It was as a butcher that Henry Farrant was trained and with the assistance of James "Bob" Jeffery, the meat department was soon of a very high quality. Henry would cut the best steaks just to a customers liking, but was known to remark that, "you Canadians don't appreciate the best parts of a beef". His favourite specialties were the organ meats, tripe, sweet breads, brains, heart and kidney.

Gertrude Farrant was an active member of the Rosedale Women's Institute and St. Peters Church Women's Association. The couple were regular in attendance at St. Peter's and Henry served as warden.

This quiet living old English couple loved to have friends at their home for a game of cards and Henry liked nothing better than a game of chess with Noble Ryder, whenever he could stop in.

The couple's son Samuel Edward "Ted" Farrant served with the Canadian Army overseas in the second World War, and came to Rosedale upon discharge. He was joined later by his English bride Muriel, who arrived in Rosedale on April 2nd, 1946.

For two years Ted delivered meat and groceries for Archibald's store. In 1988, Ted remarked that this delivery man job was a wonderful way to get to know all the families of Rosedale, Popkum and Camp River. In 1949 Ted rented Wm. F. "Bill" Brown's farm on Castleman Road for three years before buying their own farm in Agassiz.

When asked to describe his father, son Ted said, "Dad was a quiet English gentleman of the old school, where a man's word was his bond and a handshake was all that was necessary to seal a deal".

Henry and Gertrude are both now deceased and are buried in the Royal Canadian Legion Cemetery, Mt. Shannon, Chilliwack, B.C.

## ALEXANDER FEDORUK FAMILY

*by Margaret (Fedoruk) Seehuber  
and Alice (Percher) Fedoruk*

Alexander Fedoruk, (1865-1944), and his wife Martha (Boychuk) Fedoruk (1869-1963) emigrated to Canada from the Ukraine in 1899. With them came their five children, ranging in age from one to ten years. They settled in Saskatchewan and for the first three years lived in a lean-to building set into the side of a hill. Life was hard and Alexander found work some twenty miles distant from their home, walking to and from work about once a month.

Eventually the family was able to locate on a section of land close to the small town of Rhein, which was some twenty miles from Yorkton. The soil here was very good, and Martha, with the help of the older children, cleared land while father worked away from home much of the time. Eight more children were born to this union, making a large family of thirteen - nine boys and four girls.

After more than thirty-five years of life on the Saskatchewan prairies with its hardships and heartaches and some good times, Alex and Martha, accompanied by sons



*Mr. and Mrs. Alex Fedoruk.*

David and Edward, daughter Margaret and grandson Nick, moved to a small farm at 11035 Chapman Road. After the large section farms of Saskatchewan, this was a well deserved retirement for the elder Fedoruks. The family enjoyed the garden and fruit crops that were so different from Saskatchewan. Both Alex and Martha are buried in the IOOF Cemetery, Chilliwack B.C.

Ed Fedoruk married Alice Percher of Rosedale and the couple have two sons Larry and Lorne, both living in Chilliwack. Ed worked on the farm and as a logger. Ed died in 1961 and is buried in IOOF Cemetery, Chilliwack B.C. Alice (Percher) Fedoruk lives in Chilliwack in retirement.

Dave Fedoruk was a teenager when he came to Rosedale. He helped on the farm milking a few cows and shipping milk to the FVMPA, later heifers were raised for sale. He married Dolly Stephenson of Vernon B.C. and the couple have two daughters Carole and Laurie. Carole attended Rosedale Elementary School for the primary grades. The family relocated to Hope where Dave was employed as a welder. Dave died in 1982.

Carole Fedoruk married Frank Whitwell and has three sons, David, Brian and Allen.

Laurie married Dale Bowen of Aldergrove B.C. and the couple have one daughter Sheryl.

In 1987 Donald Fedoruk of Summerland, B.C. Mary Koruluk, the eldest daughter, of West Vancouver, Bessie Gorchynski, Toronto, and Margaret Seehuber are the only living members of this large family of pioneer farm settlers.

## WILLIAM FETTES

*Mrs. Cora (Fettes) Wawryk*

In the early 1900's William Fettes moved to the Fraser Valley from Mt. Forrest, Ontario. He purchased a farm at Cheam on Yale Road East. It was there that he married Mae Stubbs also of Mt. Forrest, Ont. They later (1912) purchased the Trethewey property at 50338 Castleman Road. There were 60 acres, most of which was still covered with heavy timber, and all had to be cleared by hand. There was also a sawmill on the property which had been operated by the Trethewey brothers.

William Fettes was elected to the Board of Management of the Presbyterian Church in January, 1916.



*Mr. and Mrs. William Fettes with daughters, Esther and Cora.*

Mae Fettes passed away in 1919. William later married Amy Dennis, who was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Dennis who lived on McGrath Road, Rosedale. The family home still stands on the property north of the elementary school. They had two daughters, Cora Wawryk of Chilliwack, and Esther Georgeson of Bellevue, Washington. They both attended Rosedale Elementary School on McGrath Road, and then went to the small school that was situated on the site of the present Post Office in Rosedale. Finishing there, they were bussed into Chilliwack to the high school. The family attended the Rosedale United Church. Rev. Turpin and Rev. Paton were the ministers during that time. Amy Fettes belonged to the Rosedale Women's Institute. The group would meet each month in the members' homes. They often sponsored the New Year's Eve dance in the Rosedale Hall. The ladies would get together in the homes with a pot luck lunch and spend the day quilting. These quilts would then be raffled off to the

lucky winners.

William Fettes farmed on Castleman Road till 1942 when due to failing health and the loss of his eyesight he was forced to sell the farm. William and Amy purchased a home on Margaret Ave. in Chilliwack where William lived till his death in 1947. Amy Fettes passed away in 1971.



*Mr. Fettes cutting timber on his farm on Castleman Road, approximately where the Timothy Christian School is now situated.*



*Bill, Glen and Con clearing their property in 1944-45.*

## THE FLEBBE FAMILIES

*by Bill and Anne Flebbe*

Glen Flebbe was the first of his family to leave his hometown of Shell Lake, Saskatchewan in 1935 and head west. He worked on a dairy farm in Agassiz for awhile but returned home. In 1939 he came back to B.C. to work at Britannia Mines. Younger twin brothers Bill and Conrad worked all fall on a farm in Shell Lake to get enough money for a ticket to come to Rosedale in 1939. The train slowed down enough for them to jump off in Rosedale. From there they walked to Archibald's store to find out where the Julius Martins lived. Julius and Sophie Martin had bought the Thompson farm which was on the corner of Old Yale and Gray roads. Mr. Archibald had not heard of Martins, and did not know where they lived, so Bill and Con walked all the way to Chilliwack. While walking down the street in downtown Chilliwack, by the Green Lantern cafe, they met Brother Glen and Julius

Martin.

Bill got a job in Rosedale working on the Noble Ryder farm. Soon after that they got called up to go into the Army for two and one-half years. They came back to Popkum. Mr. Beaton, whose farm at 53294 Yale road adjoined the Robert Thompson farm, needed some help, so Glen, Bill and Con worked there.

In 1943, Anne Gushta came out from Bruce, Alberta, to visit her sister Sophie Martin. She met Glen Flebbe, and they were married in 1944. The three brothers bought Fred Thompson's place at 53335 Yale road, across from Beatons. Glen and Anne lived in the house which was on



*Sophie Gushta, Glen, his sons, Terry and Conrad, Anne Flebbe, his wife; Beryl and Lou Flebbe (sitting), Bill in the back, his wife, Anne Flebbe in front of Glen and Anne's house. Sophie Gushta is Mrs. Bill Flebbe's sister.*

the place, and had two sons. They sold their third of the place to Bill and Margaret Andrews in 1950, and moved to Quesnel. Two girls and a boy were born to them there. Glen was a school bus driver in Quesnel until he retired. Anne passed away in 1973. Glen and most of his family are still in Quesnel.

In 1942, another Anne Gushta came to Vancouver from Vilna, Alberta. She came to Popkum in 1943 to visit her cousin Sophie Martin and met Bill. Bill likes to tease Anne, saying that the first time he met her she was so shy, she hid behind the big stove in Martin's kitchen.

Bill and Anne married in 1946. They built a chicken-house first on their third of the property and lived in it while their house was being built. They had two boys, Richard and Wayne. Richard is a hairstylist in Vancouver, lives in Whistler and is a well-known photographer. His pictures of Whistler and area are used as postcards, and his large pictures are in the foyer of the Nancy Green Hotel. Wayne works in Vancouver. Bill worked in Popcum at the Lime Quarry and Valley Granite at a time when \$1.20 an hour was top wages. He also worked at Richmond Productions, loading rock on a barge at McNabb Creek and unloading in Vancouver. His last job was logging at Spring Creek, Harrison Lake. He is now retired and he and Anne still live in the same place; on Yale road.

Con worked for Richmond Productions also until he

retired. He did not stay in Popkum. He married "Toots" Eichstadt and lived in Rosedale for a few years. They then moved to Port Coquitlam, where they still reside.

## THE FORDS

*by Fred Bryant*

In 1988 the only visible reminders of the pioneer Ford family are a road and a mountain stream. Both are right in the center of the area in which these men and women lived and worked.

The Fords were natives of Ireland, coming to this country late in the 19th century. The first record is of William Ford, whose obituary in the Chilliwack Progress of February 26, 1908, lists as survivors, John, James and Samuel, and daughter Mary Jane, Mrs. John Parker.



*The Ford brothers' home.*

The Land Titles Records list James Ford on a 1/4 section at the southwest corner of Ford Road and Chilliwack Central Roads, in 1891; Sam Ford on the opposite, northeast corner, in 1892.

John Ford homesteaded further south on the hillside, on a 1/4 section that includes the present Girl Guide Camp, likely as early as 1887, obtaining a Crown Grant in 1893.

Samuel Ford died in 1925 at 58 years of age.

James "Jim" Ford lived in a split log house at 51211 Chilliwack Central Road until his death in 1936 at 73 years of age.

Family data:

William Ford ----- 1825-1908

Daughter, Mary Jane ---- 1857-1939

Married John E. Parker ----- 1862-1938

Son, James ----- 1862-1936

Son, Samuel ----- 1867-1925

## **RICHARD FRANCIS**

*by C. V. Ryder*

It is not known when Richard Francis came to the Rosedale area, but in 1912 he is recorded as the owner of a quarter-section east of Annis Road, and a further 36 acres on the north side of the quarter-section. He was an active farmer, although unmarried and without relatives in the area. In the years 1915-1917 he is recorded to have been a district director of the Chilliwack Producers' Exchange, which elected three directors in each of five districts. Other directors in this period for the Rosedale district were Alex Mercer, Dodsley Barrow, and Josh McConnell.

His background was in mining in the Yukon and B.C. maintained interests in mining prospects in the Hope area after choosing the farming life in Rosedale.

He died by suicide in November 1921 at age of about 60. A coroner's jury report indicated that he had told a neighbour the previous week that he was suffering from neuralgia and was taking morphine, suggesting that his judgement may have been impaired by the drug.

## **JOHN A. FRASER AND FAMILY**

*by Audrienne (Cottingham) Lovo*

John A. (Jack) Fraser (1870-1958) was born in Scotland and came to Rosedale in 1912. He married Clara A. Thompson (1870-1943) who was born in Haliburton county, Ontario, of parents of English birth. She was a sister of Sarah (Mrs. William) Braithwaite and James Thompson, both of whom were also Rosedale residents.

The Fraser home was on Yale Road at Muirhead Street, a central location now occupied by B.C. Telephone.

Jack Fraser was a familiar figure in Rosedale for 46 years, and was engaged in a variety of occupations. Like many another Scot, he had an instinct for mechanics. He operated the feed grinder in the B. and K. feed store across Yale Road, and operated his own portable sawing outfit for custom cutting of firewood.

In 1920 he is listed in the B.C. Directory as "stage driver and feed grinder", probably his own words. In 1916 and for years following he was designated hydrant man on the Rosedale Volunteer Fire Brigade. At times he represented the municipality in keeping tally of wagon loads of gravel hauled by local residents for road improvement. He also served as a weed and thistle inspector. In later years he was caretaker and custodian of the Community Hall, and he is remembered for commanding respect in the enforcement of deportment at dances and other events, while maintaining his consistent geniality.

Jack and Clara Fraser had one son and four daughters, all of whom attended Rosedale School.

Son, H.R. (Harry) Fraser left Rosedale and lived in Snohomish, Washington. He is now deceased. His daughter Joyce lives in the U.S.A.

Daughter, May married D.A. Patch in Rosedale. They moved to Vegreville, Quebec, and had a family of three.

Daughter, Alva married Fred McKibbin in Rosedale in

1940. They lived in Rosedale until 1948, then in Agassiz and later in Vedder Crossing. Their son, Vernon attended Rosedale School 1939-1945 and Chilliwack High School 1945-1950. He worked in Chilliwack for two years, then moved to Kelowna where he now resides.

Daughter, Ruby married Harold Cottingham. They had one daughter, Audrienne Lovo of Richmond. Mr. and Mrs. Cottingham were active in the business and social life of Rosedale, operating a plumbing and hardware retail business on the north side of Yale Road at Ford Road. Harold Cottingham contracted to install plumbing in many homes locally, and constructed some new homes. In their retirement years, the couple lived in a three-storey building at 51199 Yale Road. The bottom floor was rented, housing at various times the post office and other businesses. The top floor was regarded by the Cottingshams as a penthouse where they could view the village scene from the southern balcony. Harold Cottingham was an active member of the Athletic Club and the Volunteer Fire Department for many years.

The fourth, Fraser daughter, Hazel, married William Munro of Camp River. They lived in Lloydminster, Saskatchewan, and had a family of one daughter and two sons.

## **STUART FREEMAN**

*by Dora (Seed) McKenzie*

Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Freeman and family, Robert, Margaret, Jean and Gordon, came to Rosedale from Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan. Robert "Bob" bought 40 acres from the Homemakers on McElwee Road. This was uncleared land, with a heavy growth of evergreen and hardwood trees. Mr. Freeman built a house there at the present address of 8970 McElwee Road.

Bob worked in the bush and did construction work, as did his father, in the early 1940's. Bob married Edna Johnston, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Johnston of Chilliwack Central Road in Rosedale, and the couple moved to Langara in Richmond, B.C. They had four children, Susan, Barbara, Robert and Janet.

Bob Freeman built the house at the present address of 8872 McElwee Road. This was purchased along with a small acreage by the Charles J. Gribbling family.

## **MR. AND MRS. HAROLD GERMAN**

*by Vera (German) Andrews*

Mr. and Mrs. Harold German emigrated to Canada from England in 1911. In 1923 they purchased a 50 Acre Farm at 464 Camp River Road, from Albert H. Johnston.

Mr. German established a purebred Guernsey herd and the farm name 'Ashley' on the large wood stave silo with the well painted buildings and well kept grounds, made it a place of beauty. Mr. German was a very forward thinking agriculturist and livestock breeder. He was active in the Annual Chilliwack Fair all of his life, and a prominent exhibitor of field crops, fruit, and vegetables, both at Chilliwack and New Westminster and Vancouver



*Mr. and Mrs. Harold German.*

Exhibitions. He served as President of the Chilliwack Agricultural Society for a number of terms, and was active in the B.C. Horticultural and Crop organization. In livestock circles he was active in many programs for improvement, the Warble Fly Control Program, Cow Testing Association, and later the Artificial Insemination Program. The first cow inseminated artificially in Chilliwack, was on the farm of Harold German. Health of Animal programs in T.B. and Brucellosis Control received his support.

Mr. German's interests were not confined to the farm, he was active in the Chilliwack Board of Trade and later the Chamber of Commerce. Mr. German made sure that the Business community never forgot that Agriculture was the number one industry of the District. He was active in the F.V.M.P.A. and Rotary, and maintained a keen interest in the farm. Harold German also took an active part in the Plowing Society and in 1958. He was recognized as Chilliwack's Citizen to be recognized.

Mr. and Mrs. German had one daughter, Vera, who was an elementary school teacher prior to her marriage to J.J. Andrews, in 1935. Mrs. German passed away in 1965.

Harold German passed away May 13, 1975.

## **MARTIN AND ROSE GIENGER**

*Hilda (Gienger) Fefchak*

Mr. and Mrs. Gienger, both born in Russia in 1898, were married in Romania in March, 1922. Their eldest son, Fred, was born there in June, 1923. They then moved to Germany where a second son, Herbert Ervin, was born in 1925. (He died nine months later). Mr. Gienger was managing a general grocery store there but



*Mr. and Mrs. Martin Gienger.*

was not entirely satisfied. He felt a strong desire to move on to something more in keeping with his interests, so in 1927 they took action. With only their few belongings of clothing and some bedding, they boarded a ship for Canada. Their ship stopped briefly at Liverpool, England. Their first breakfast in this new land proved to be a shock and surprise. They were served shavings! Not until they arrived in Canada did they discover the "shavings" were corn flakes ... a delicacy in those days.

Arriving in eastern Canada in March, 1927, they took the train across Canada, stopping in Winnipeg where they were very unimpressed and unprepared for the blizzard blowing outside. Their destination was the Edmonton, Alberta farming area, where in the following six years, three more children were born, myself, Hilda, Albert and Ervin.

Managing a general store and post office in Poe, Alberta, raising grain, battling drought, army worms and grasshoppers, pressured us to try something else in this big country of Canada. So again, our few belongings were packed into the wagon and we made our way to the big city of Edmonton where on March 26, 1938, we boarded the train for Chilliwack, B.C. and from there, to Rosedale.

We rented a house on the corner of the then highway and Nevin Road, the pie-shaped corner across from the Sliven residence. Every family member felt they were in heaven, with the weather, oh, so warm, fruit trees blooming and all the vegetables to eat. In 1938, we grew 20-lb. watermelons ... lovely and sweet! The highway was paved, so no more muddy roads to walk to school. Really, the move we made this time seemed so full of rich blessings.

In 1939, 20 acres of bushland was bought on Chapman Road. Mr. Gienger managed to find an old house, dismantled it, moved the old lumber onto a little clear spot on the acreage, and put up a two-room house to hold the six of us. It was so much more comfortable than the log house with the dirt floor, back in Alberta. A couple of cows were bought and milk was shipped to F.V.M.P.A., providing a small source of income. Strawberry and hop picking annually added to our comfortable living. As the

years slipped by, Dad built a barn, as well as a new house, both of which are still standing on the farm.

The three children, Hilda, Albert and Ervin, attended Rosedale School. Sunday School and Church were attended at the "Moravian" Church on McGrath Rd.

Life was comfortable and all went well until the 1948 flood crisis interrupted our routine. Albert and Ervin



*Mrs. Rose Gienger milking the cow.*



*George Sagert, Albert Gienger, Violet and Eileen Sagert hop picking 1938.*

helped sandbag the dyke in Rosedale; the women made sandwiches ... it was an all-night ordeal. In April 1952, Fred was killed in a train-truck collision at Kamloops. Later, Mrs. Gienger became seriously ill and Dr. Patten came out from Chilliwack and took her to the hospital ...



*Albert, Hilda and Ervin.*

there was no other mode of transportation.

Mr. and Mrs. Gienger farmed on Chapman Road until 1963, then retired to Oliver, B.C., where Mr. Gienger's asthma greatly improved in the drier climate. Both parents passed away just after celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary in March 1982. Mrs. Gienger died in May 1982, and Mr. Gienger in July, 1982, both in their 84th years.

## **MILTON AND MINNIE GILBERT**

*by Lillian (Gilbert) Morrow*

Milton Gilbert was born in Delhi, Ontario, where he received his education. At the age of seventeen he decided to go west. He worked his way across the prairies. During his stay there, he served as a guard on a horse-drawn freighter between Edmonton and Calgary during the Riel Rebellion. Later, he worked for the CPR laying steel through the Rockies. Coming to the Rosedale area, he met and married Mary (Minnie) Vallance on June 11, 1889. This was one of the first weddings in Rosedale.

Minnie Vallance was born in Owen Sound, Ontario, in 1873, coming to British Columbia with her parents in 1886. They settled in the Rosedale area.

After their marriage, Milton and Minnie made their home across the slough from the Camp Slough Hall.

In 1914 their house was burned down. For some time they lived in a house belonging to Charlie Somers until a new house was built.

Mr. Gilbert helped build the Camp Slough Hall, hauling materials with his horses and wagon.

Much of their living came from their cows and the good potatoes that they grew on their farm. The Methodist Church held its annual picnic among the lovely trees that grew at the back of Gilbert farm. There are many pleasant memories connected with their home and family of six girls. The girls attended a one room school

at the corner of Chapman and Camp Slough Roads.

The girls all married young men from the district. A list of those marriages is as follows:

Alma married Ira Davidson

Rose married Ernest Trethewey

Pearl married Donald Barbour

Grace married Joseph Milholm

Lillian married Darcy Morrow

Viola married Jack Pearce

In 1921 the Gilberts moved to Vancouver. Mr. Gilbert died in 1957 at the age of 92. Mrs. Gilbert died in 1950 at the age of 77.



L to r: Mrs. Minnie (Vallance) Gilbert with Violet, Rose, Alma, Mr. Milton Gilbert. Seated: Pearl, Lillian and Grace.

## CHARLES A.P. GILL AND FAMILY

*information from Beth (Gill) Douglas,  
and newspaper records*

Charles A.P. Gill arrived in the area from Northamptonshire, England, in 1893 at the age of 22 years. Here, in 1900, he met and married Miss Maude Harding who had come to Camp Slough with her parents from Manitoba in 1890 at the age of ten. The couple lived for a short time at Clinton, in the original Clinton Hotel. Mr. Gill at that time was engaged in driving a freighting team and wagon between Ashcroft and Clinton. In the same year they returned to Camp Slough and purchased 43.2 acres of farmland on the east side of Breakwater Road, so designated during dyking construction in 1899. The road was later named Gill Road by the municipality. The present address is numbered 11170, and the Gill home and bank barn are still standing.

Apart from farming and land clearing, Mr. Gill purchased a motor launch of seven horsepower rating in 1907 and commenced operation of the first power ferry service between Rosedale and Agassiz, in partnership with G.N. Ryder. This service received government subsidy, and continued until 1910 when it was taken over by W. McGrath.

Mr. Gill was employed at various times by the Municipality of Chilliwack as an overseer of road



Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gill with sons, Ernest and Walter, about 1907.

construction, as a noxious weed inspector, and apparently on occasion as a special constable. He was respected for sound and firm judgement, qualities which also placed him in demand as referee in soccer football, a game in which he had substantial player experience. He was a keen hunter and fisherman, in the years when there were trout in the rivers and streams, and pheasants in the grain fields.

Mr. and Mrs. Gill were charter members of the first Camp Slough Hall Board in 1908.

In 1917, during the first war, Mr. Gill returned to England to manage his mother's farm, owing to wartime necessity. After the conclusion of hostilities in November, 1918, Maude and the children joined him in January, 1919.

They remained for three years, returning in 1922 to the farm in Camp Slough. In the following years, Maude was a charter member of the Upper Camp River Women's Institute, organized in the late 1920's, and committee member of St. Thomas Church, without sacrifice to her sustained and keen interest in gardening. They remained on the farm until 1944 when they sold and moved to retirement in Chilliwack. Maude passed away in 1952 and Charles in 1956.

Their family consisted of two sons, Ernest and Walter born in 1900 and 1905 and one daughter Beth born in 1913.

Ernest, after early years on the farm, was steadily employed by the municipality as a grader operator. He married Mary Standeven, daughter of William Standeven Sr., an early Camp River resident. Ernest died in 1983, predeceased by his wife.

Walter, known locally by the affectionate nickname of "Bonnie", was a constable in the B.C. Provincial Police before becoming a game inspector in the Prince George region, where he and his wife Judy now live in retirement at Cluculz Lake.

Beth was honoured as Rosedale May Queen in elementary school in 1927. She proceeded through Chilliwack High School and Normal School to a teaching certificate. She taught in the Peace River district and for several years in Rosedale before marrying Pat Douglas of New Westminster, also a teacher. They had a family of two and are now retired in Delta, B.C.

## THE PHILIP GOSHULAK FAMILY

by Mabel Goshulak

Feeling a need to change, Philip and brother Harry left the family temporarily in 1944 and arrived in Rosedale from Dauphin, Manitoba. The family had sold most of their stock, equipment and furniture. His parents were coming after Phil was settled.

He had asked the Canadian National Railway for a large boxcar to move all their possessions, but they only supplied a small one. In this car he had 500 chickens, 2 horses, 2 cows, as well as furniture and equipment.



Mabel and Philip Goshulak.

Harry came with Phil to keep him company, and to help look after the stock and chickens. It took seven days in a cold November and they only had sandwiches to eat. The engineer was kind to them and gave them a pail of hot tea every day to help keep them warm.

They finally arrived on a Sunday morning and friends, the Fred Shroeders, came with a truck and got the chickens and stock to the Carter farm on Yale Road East, which Phil had purchased in February. Eventually Phil increased his cows to ten and started shipping milk to F.V.M.P.A.

Phil and Harry built a house for their parents at the back, and worked up a garden for them. There were apple trees, as well as cherry and plum, so Mother felt doubly blessed to have all those fruit trees. Then later came strawberry and raspberry patches.

In April 1947, Philip married Mabel Hammond of Maryfield, Saskatchewan.

Phil made many improvements to the Carter farm. He moved the driveway to the centre of the property, tore down the old garage, took down the old rail fences, strung barbed wire and cleared the farm of stumps and large rocks.

In 1948, Karen Ruth was born to Mabel in the Chilliwack Hospital on May 9th and a couple of weeks

after that the Fraser flooded its banks. We were thankful that we were not affected by flood, as the Rosedale dykes held.

Daniel Paul was born December 11, 1950 and Ronald Roy in June 1952.

As well as farming, Phil worked for McKenzie Brothers in construction for some years. He was really busy with dairy farming and chickens, but when the chickens moulted he sold them off and just kept a few for our own use.

In the spring of 1954 Phil built a new home and the next fall we moved into it. We were glad to have more bedroom space as Phil's mother was living with us. Brenda was born August 1958, and Ron started school that fall, so it was nice not to be alone.

Karen graduated from U.B.C. in 1970 as a teacher and taught in Merritt for two years. In August 1972 she married Dennis Peter and continued teaching at Kamloops. They had two sons, Nathan and David. The family had a fatal accident at Savona in 1982. The only survivor was Nathan who is now 10 years old and lives with his aunt and uncle. We will always miss our loved ones.

Daniel is a draftsman for Western Star Trucks in Kelowna. He married Juanita Wiens. They have two girls.

Ronald graduated from Canadian Bible College in Regina and went to Prince George in church ministry. He married Lynne Fuglerud. The couple later went to the Philippines as Missionaries. They have one daughter, Katherine.

Brenda went to U.B.C. and later to Trinity Western for 4 years and graduated with a B.A. in 1982. She works at Safeway until she finds her type of work.

We moved to Chilliwack in 1971, and are now retired.

## THE RICHARD GOULD FAMILY

by Neill MacGregor

Richard and Jessie Maud Gould, with their two children, came to live on what is now MacGregor Road, when it was still the Yale Wagon Road, about 1922 or 1923. The road was still well travelled, even though the more direct route to the south was already passable.

Richard first worked for Neill's father, Howard B. MacGregor. Sometime later, in return for labour, he acquired 35 acres of the northeast corner of the MacGregor farm.

Richard cleared most of this acreage. Neill recalls a particularly exciting incident: Richard Gould had been away working and, after returning, set fire to a number of brush piles. It was a cold winter day, with a stiff east wind blowing. The strong wind whipped the flames a hundred feet in the air. This caused a real concern for neighbouring buildings and forests as snake-rail fences burst into flame some twenty feet from the piles.

When the excitement died down, as did the fires, all agreed that it had been a particularly good burn.

Mr. Gould, at one time, had seven acres of strawberries on the newly cleared land, and for several years shipped large quantities of crated berries via CNR

baggage car, from Popkum station to the prairies. He built a special cooling shed by the station to hold the fruit awaiting shipment. Disaster struck the berry business in June of one year when it rained continuously day after day. The fruit was of low grade or not marketable.

The Goulds had two children, a son Norman who was a member of the Vancouver Police Force, and a daughter Marlyne.

## THE GRAHAM FAMILY

*by Wilf Graham*

The family of Arthur and Frances Graham included three sons: Art, Wes and Wilf. They lived in Rosedale from 1911 to 1913.

Our house was north of the slough about 200 yards and west of the corner of Yale and McGrath Roads. My dad hauled lumber from the mill at Popkum to the lumberyard in Chilliwack. He used two wagons in tandem and a four-horse team. Later he logged for Macken Brothers at the mill at the east end of the Nevin Road. The mill was about 3/4 miles east of the J.W. Thompson property. Dad was in charge of the logging and mother ran the boarding house for the men.

I started school in the old Rosedale School at the corner of McGrath and Yale. It was a two-room school then. The following year the family moved to Chilliwack. In later years my dad worked as a grader operator on municipal roads.

As I recall, early Rosedale consisted of the Church, School, and Post Office, Archibald's and Pete Close's stores, a boarding house and poolroom. The community had a good baseball team and residents often attended dances in the Camp Slough Hall, travelling by buggy and carting their small children along with them. At the hall, the children were bundled up and placed to sleep in a room near the kitchen as the evening hours progressed.

## WILLIAM 'STAFFORD' GRAHAM FAMILY

*by Weldon Graham*

William 'Stafford' Graham and wife, Alice, arrived in Rosedale in 1914 and lived in what was known as the "Dr. Elliott House" at McGrath Road and Church St. In 1918 they moved to a house next to the Rosedale United Church on Yale Road East. This residence they sold in 1928 to the United Church to be used as a manse. The family then moved to Chilliwack. There were four children: Gladys, Mildred, Dorothy and Weldon who all attended school in Rosedale.

In the same year, that Stafford Graham arrived in Rosedale, he and his partner, N.J. Dave McNair, started a shingle mill just one mile east of Rosedale on the CNR right-of-way. Three years later they added a lumber mill.

Many of the valley's old-timers worked at the mill and several relatives of these old-timers still live in the Rosedale area. Many of the houses and buildings standing today were built from the lumber of the

"McNair and Graham Mills".

Although Mr. and Mrs. Graham passed away several years ago, all four grown children still live in the province of B.C.



*Wm. Stafford and Alice Graham, 1959.*

## GRAINGER FAMILY

*by Neil Grainger*

Herb and Amy Grainger married in Kingston, Ontario in 1919 when Herb arrived back after four years of war. They headed for the West Coast, finally settling on a twenty-five acre farm two miles west of Rosedale, at 50176 Yale Road. The farm came under the Soldiers Settlement Scheme, a fortunate thing for a family during the thirties, as the government didn't foreclose.

When they arrived, the farm was about half cleared. They felled a lot of trees, but none so well remembered as the Bee Tree. Honey from this tree lasted for years, but the stories about it went on for years afterwards. Clearing land was never ending and most of it was done by hand and with horses. In later years, it seemed there was always a stump for a kid to work on.

The farming methods were all based on hard work, from milking by hand, hoeing huge cornfields, pitching manure or making hay. The silo filling "bees" in the fall were a time to remember, as the neighbours got together to put corn in the old wooden vertical silos that were located on each farm. The lady of the household put on the best spread she could, with huge roasts and all kinds of fancy pastry.

Things went very well for the Graingers till the "crash

of '29". In October of that year, their milk cheque dropped by half from the month before. All improvements on the farm stopped for a long time. In that tough time we were lucky to be on a farm. All the neighbourhood shared, and, as a result, we never went hungry, but we sure did wear some funny clothes at times. My parents were too proud to accept relief, but we got by somehow.

Herb and Amy had three children: Christine Pearce, living in Okanagan Falls, Frank, killed overseas in 1943 with the R.C.A.F. (a mountain in the Chelhalis area is named in his memory), and Neil, living in Chilliwack.

We all went to school in Rosedale, attended Sunday School, and took part in the Pro Rec Program. Who could forget Mrs. Bartindale's operettas? I still remember the Rosedale Mayday ..... it always rained. While we were unhappy being frogs or elves, at least we didn't have to dance the maypole. The ice cream was fantastic. There were gym displays, followed by a dance that us "little ones" couldn't attend. There was a boxing stable out of Rosedale that did very well.

In the summer, I remember swimming in Hope Slough. It had a gravel bottom then, and the fishing was pretty good. I also remember swimming at the "Frog Pond" across from Boule's. There were hikes to Elk Falls, and there were some hairy trips down Nixon's Hill on our bikes afterwards. During the winter, it seemed the east wind never stopped. We skated a lot on the ponds and played lots of hockey games, using road apples for pucks. By this time the family had a new car, a 1927 Chev.

With the arrival of World War II, our family ties with Rosedale dropped off. Chris was married, Frank was in High School and Pro Rec had ceased operations. In 1941 Herb and Neil joined the newly formed Pacific Coast Militia Rangers. I recall the night we went home in a blackout, I sat on the front fender shining a flashlight on the white line while Herb drove. PCMR training was held in the Rosedale Hall. There was a shooting gallery in the basement, and, for a time, a rifle range on Chilliwack Central Road, about three hundred yards east of Ford Road. I still have my old 30:30 Winchester with the Army stamp on it.

Amy seemed to be the perennial secretary of St. Peter's W.A. and remained active in the church until she sold the farm in the mid sixties. Herb passed away in 1949, and Amy died in 1986. Both are buried in the Royal Canadian Legion Cemetery, Chilliwack, B.C.



*Mrs. Amy Grainger at 97 years of age.*

## **DAVID GRANT FAMILY**

*information from Vyetta (Maguire) Whyte  
and Shirley (Grant) Diamond  
and Lorna (Maguire) Shearing*

David and Catherine Grant came to Rosedale, from Alberta, about 1914. The two youngest children, Norman and Violet, came with their parents. Four older children, Percy, Neil, Florence and Mae, had already married and remained in Alberta.

The family settled on a small farm at 10759 McGrath Road. Violet attended school in Rosedale and, in 1925, married Robert "Bob" Maguire, a widower with one child, Vietta. Violet and Bob had three children: Donald, Lorna and Irven. (See the Maguire story.) Norman passed away in 1917.

Catherine Grant passed away in 1921 and David remarried, in 1925, to Mrs. Carrie Bowden of Vancouver. In the early 1930's they moved to a small house on the corner of Yale Road East and Munro Avenue, next to Kellers' Garage. David passed away in 1935, Carrie in 1942. They are all buried in the family plot, in the Anglican Cemetery on Little Mountain, Chilliwack.

In 1943, Neil, with his wife and family, came to Burnaby, then moved to Chilliwack in 1947. He was a teacher at the East Chilliwack Elementary School. His family consisted of two sons, Bruce and Ralph, and two daughters, Shirley and Eileen.

Bruce married Joyce Jackson in 1955.

Ralph married Lee McCormick in 1943.

Eileen married Harold Carlaw who grew up in the Cheam district, attended Cheam United Church and lived in the Camp Slough area in the early 1930's. Harold is a

teacher in the Hope, B.C. school district. Eileen has passed away.

Shirley married Jack Diamond. They lived in Chilliwack area for a long while, then moved to Abbotsford some years ago. Jack has since become ordained as a minister of the Alliance Church. Shirley and Jack have two children, son Neil and daughter Laurie. They also have two grandchildren.

Mrs. Neil Grant, Shirley's mother, is living, at this time, with Shirley and Jack in Abbotsford.

## TOM GRANT

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Grant lived in Rosedale about 1914-20. Mr. Grant's three sons by a previous marriage, accompanied them. The boys, Horace, Bruce and Harold, all attended Rosedale Elementary School.

Tom Grant came to Rosedale from Chilliwack where he had operated a livery stable and blacksmith shop, on the south side of Princess Ave. just east of Young Road. This shop burned down and Mr. Grant moved to Rosedale and operated the Rosedale Blacksmith Shop on Munro Ave., taking over the business of Tom Glanville.

## THE ALEX GRAY FAMILY

*by Ron Gray*

John Alexander Gray arrived in Popcum in 1894 in time to witness the 1894 flood. He was born at Chapeau, Quebec in 1858. He died Jan. 1960 in the Chilliwack Hospital in his 102nd year.

He came out west in 1878 as a water boy on the C.P.R. He built several hotels in the Kootenays, panned gold on the Fraser in 1893 and worked on the B.C. Electric line from New Westminster to Chilliwack.

He homesteaded in the Popcum area "at the south end of Gray Road", in 1894, and started farming and logging there. He enlisted in the first world war for six months and was discharged as being too old.



Back row, l-r: Mr. and Mrs. Alex Gray with daughter, Mary. Front row: sons, Lawrence and Ron.

Mrs. Gray (nee Susannah Helen Horton) arrived in Popcum in the early 1900's from the Okanagan. They were married shortly after. Mrs. Gray was born in England at the town at Whitney. She died in 1946 at the Chilliwack Hospital.

They had two sons and one daughter. Ronald T. Gray, William L. Gray and Mary T. Gray. Mary Gray was born at Chwk. Hospital in 1921. She went to public school in Popcum and grew up on the farm. She met Russell McKay in 1939 and they married in 1940, moving to Cheam View. (See McKay account).

William L. (Lawrence) Gray was born on the farm January, 1917. The snow was too deep and the weather so cold that Mrs. Gray was unable to get to the hospital. Lawrence went to public school in Popcum and grew up on the farm, cutting wood and farming. He then went out logging as a faller, working for Brett at Harrison Lake, B.B.&B., Coast Logging at Popcum, Decco Walton, Jones Lake, and B.B.&B. & O'Brian Logging of Powell River. It was at Powell River that Lawrence met his wife Ruby E. Nordvedt. They were married in Chilliwack January 1945. They have a daughter, Audrey, who works at the Harrison Hotel.

Lawrence finished his falling career at Bowmans in Chilliwack and built a sawmill for himself on the farm. He has operated it for quite a time doing custom sawing. He is now retired but still operates the mill and the Gray farm.

Ronald T. Gray was born Nov. 1912. He attended public school in Popcum and high school in Chilliwack. He grew up on the farm, milking cows and cutting wood. In 1930, he went into the trucking business, hauling wood, gravel and logs. He hauled wood and sawdust from local mills and also had his own gravel business in Popcum and Rosedale. In 1960 he went to work for construction companies in the Fraser Canyon and around Mica Dam. He retired ten years ago, but is still active in the area. In fact, he still is a Director on the Fraser Cheam Regional District representing the Popcum area. Also he is Vice-President of the Upper Fraser Valley Board of Health. He now lives on McGregor Road in Popcum.



Dale and Audrey (Gray) Zinko, Mary (Gray) McKay, Ron, Lawrence and Ruby Gray.

I remember the disastrous snow and the ice storm of 1935. I recall helping my Dad wrap and tie gunny sacks around the horses' legs so they would not cut their legs on the large depth of snow with an inch and one half crust of ice on it. We had to break a road for over half a mile to get to the main road using team and bobsled. We had to get to Rosedale for groceries. Rosedale was two and a half miles away. There were no snowplows then, and no electricity in Popcum.

I remember 1983 at Cheam View in the path of a slide. We had two days of torrential rain and wind in July 1983. At 20 minutes to four on the second morning I felt the house shudder as though a tree fell on it. I got up and turned on the light but there was no light. I found a flashlight and opened the back door. A torrent of mud, water and rocks poured in and I could not shut it. I pulled on my trousers and a pair of shoes and headed for the front door facing the road. There were rocks, mud and water rolling past on both sides of the house. I stood on the front porch with the door open so the mud, water and gravel would run through the house. Finally the slide stopped rolling on one side of the house and I took off across a field to the house of my nephews. I couldn't get to the highway as there was two feet of slide covering the road. I woke my nephew up and he thought I had driven into a ditch. The Hope Sea and Rescue and Hope R.C.M.P. came down at daylight, got the roads plowed out and evacuated the Cheam View and Jone's Hill residents to Hope for five days. When I returned there was mud and gravel in the house up to the window sills. I guess I was lucky to get out alive."



Mr. Alex Gray with his nephew Peter Gray. Mr. Gray was 86 in this picture.

## THE ARTHUR GREGORY FAMILY

by Belle (Gregory) Smith

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Gregory with baby daughter Belle, came from Regina, Saskatchewan in 1945 to live at 51416 Yale Rd. in the village of Rosedale.



Mr. and Mrs. Art Gregory.

Arthur Gregory was self-employed as a carpenter, working in the Rosedale area for over ten years.

Belle attended Rosedale Elementary School and the United Church Sunday School.

In 1957 the family moved to Chilliwack. Arthur died in 1957 and Mrs. Estelle Gregory passed away in 1977. Mrs. Belle Gregory Smith resides in Chilliwack and has a son, Shane and daughter, Shelley.

## THE GREGORY FAMILY

by Claire (Gregory) Harvie

Sam and Jessie Gregory and daughter Claire moved from Saskatchewan in 1921, having traded their farm with William Newton on Castleman Road. It was traded as a 'going concern' by both parties taking only their personal belongings. Sam was a man who could build or repair anything and Jessie with her 'green thumb' could grow about anything. Both willing to work long hours, they soon had the yard and home looking beautiful - a show place. They were always willing to share with anyone who cared to look at its beauty! They added many berry bushes and grapes which were not common to the area. Most of Mrs. Gregory's roses, perennials,

and grapes were either cuttings or seeds from friends from other areas. By studying she soon knew most of the plants by their botanical names and they both learned how to keep and care for bees by reading up on the subject. Most of their reading was educational! By cross pollinating two different kinds of iris, Mrs. Gregory developed a new iris which looked like a huge mauve butterfly. She also wrote many articles, many of which were published in *The Chilliwack Progress*.

The family was active in the United Church. Mother in Ladies Aid, Missionary Society and, Claire in the Choir. All were active in the Athletic Association, helping at dances in the community hall. Mrs. Gregory organized the Upper Camp River Women's Institute and other Institutes in other parts of the Valley and became President of the South Fraser Valley board. Mrs. Gregory was also active with the Red Cross, Community Chest and other social activities. During her social work she met Laura Holland of the Vancouver Children's Aid Society and when the Doukobours were jailed for nude parades and the children taken over by the government, four of the little girls were brought out to the Gregory family as an experiment in foster-parenting. They stayed a year and changed from secretive, frightened, unhappy little girls to being happy, fun loving and contented. After they returned to their homes they remembered the loving care and kept in touch with the Gregorys.

During the depression, when money was scarce, Mr. Adolph Peterson would open his home on Chilliwack Central Road for the young people to have a dance! Mr. Gregory would roll out the old Ford truck and he and Mrs. Gregory would take the young people up the hill, make the coffee, serve the supper donated by the girls, and act as chaperons while they all danced to records and to Reg Henderson's player piano. What fun and pleasant memories for all!

Later, boys from broken homes in Vancouver were brought to the Gregorys for rehabilitation and the kind loving home and farm life seemed to help; one of them stayed on until he was able to go out and make his own living, but the Gregorys' was always home to him!

During the war years Mr. and Mrs. Gregory kept 'Open House' for the service men from Vedder Crossing Camp, having up to five every Sunday for dinner. Many of them kept in contact after they were shipped out.

Later, Mr. Gregory built a dormitory across one side of the house where they looked after elderly men who were mostly bedridden. This was before the time of nursing homes so it was a real service to the community and the hospital, freeing beds for the seriously ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Gregory were always willing to lend a helping hand to those in need, old and young and always had a snack for the paper boy, as theirs was the last house on his route!

Good neighbours!!

Mr. Gregory died in 1946 and Mrs. Gregory in 1951.

Claire married Paul Britton and moved to Vancouver Island and then to Edmonton, where she still lives near her five children.

## EMMANUEL GREYELL AND FAMILY

by C. V. Ryder

Emmanuel Greyell was born in England in 1828 and was married in 1848 in the village of Malmsbury. He emigrated to Canada about 1851, with his wife Alice and settled in Ontario. In 1871, he came to the west coast around Cape Horn, and resided for a short time in the Bellingham area. Hearing of the rich and fertile Fraser Valley he drove his cattle up to Chilliwack and cleared a farm on Camp Slough. He built a log cabin on Greyell's Slough, and raised a family of twelve children, most of whom had been born in Ontario.

Members of the family acquired extensive property in the upper Camp Slough area. Emmanuel obtained District Lot 424 in 1880. Of his older sons, Edward obtained Lot 427 in 1880, Abel Lot 426 in 1886, David Lot 435 in 1886, and Peter Lot 433 in 1887. The aggregate was about 800 acres. Greyell Slough was named for the family. It was a small channel which had its entrance from the river a short distance downstream from Camp Slough and joined Camp Slough a few miles to the west. (Current maps show Greyell Slough as a south branch of the main stream of the river, outside the dyke, contradicting maps of 1900 dating.) Early references to Greyell's Landing were evidently to a Fraser River boat landing at the slough entrance.

In 1891 Mr. and Mrs. Emmanuel Greyell made a visit to England, returning in 1892. In May, 1898, they celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary.

In the years that followed, the family members sold their Camp Slough properties and moved from the district, with the exception of David who remained a property owner and dealer, principally in Rosedale.

Edward, born in 1850, married Christiana Emmack in Ontario where their oldest daughter, Florance was born, followed in B.C. by Emmaline, twins William John and James Edward, Albert and Nellie. Edward moved to Agassiz where he farmed until retirement in 1912, then lived in New Westminster until his death in 1920. His son, Albert, remained in Agassiz, and married Margaret MacDonald in 1908. He became superintendent of B.C. Hop Co. and served this company for 40 years. His younger son, Theodore succeeded him in the hop business and later operated a business in Creston, B.C., where he died in 1985. The elder son, Melville, was a schoolteacher in Vancouver where he lives now in retirement. He has been a source of family history.

Son Peter, born 1859, moved to Enderby, and Henry, born 1863, moved to Penticton. Others of the family, including Linda (1861), Elizabeth (1864), Alice (1867), and James (1869) all settled in other parts of B.C. and Washington.

Son David, born 1858, remained single after competing unsuccessfully with his brother, Henry for the hand of an English-born girl, a squire's daughter. He developed an interest in acquiring and trading in farm land in the general area. In 1891, he sponsored, for the new school district, the name Rosedale which he had brought from Ontario. In 1908-09 he purchased the butcher shop, and reported Rosedale news to the Chilliwack Progress with promotional fervour, and most importantly he obtained

approval of a development plan of most of the area in Lot 476 south of Hope Slough, which he had purchased from James S. Bruce. He sold lots in a variety of sizes in this area, and in 1912 set up a realty and insurance office. This is the present village business area and the homes between McGrath and Ford Roads.

In 1910, he planned and financed the construction of the Rosedale Hotel and livery stable, sold shortly after to Charles Somers.

For himself he constructed a home west of the hotel. This residence was owned later by Thomas Lobb.

David was fond of hunting in the Mount Cheam range. From one encounter with a bear, he acquired a permanent limp. One of the less-credible versions of this episode is that he wrestled the bear on a wager. A more credible version is that he encountered the bear by chance, when he was armed only with an axe. He succeeded in killing the bear, but in the battle one of his feet was gashed by the axe.



Mr. David Greyell (lower left), with friends on a hunting trip on Mount Cheam, about 1910.

About 1920 he moved to property in Popcum where he owned the area now occupied by Minter Gardens. Toward 1940 he moved to live nearer to other family members at the coast, where he spent his final years.

## THE GRIBLING FAMILY

by Harvey Gribling

Charles John Gribling homesteaded in Alberta in 1906. He married Nellie Ellen Brown Feb. 1920. I was born in Nov. 1920. My brothers and sisters were born in Alberta.

In 1936, after farming for 30 years, Dad decided to move to B.C. Our first stop was at Sardis where we stayed a short time and then he bought a small farm at the corner of McElwee Road and Chilliwack Central. That was the Gribling home until the '401' cut diagonally across the little farm.

When we first moved to McElwee Road there was a lot of clearing to do. There were cedar stumps, some very large. It was all hard work and difficult. We were all young and full of pep then. There were very few jobs and

not much money, but as long as we could buy plum jam for 49¢ per 4 lb. tin and fresh ground peanut butter at 2 lb. for 15¢, we could get by. My brothers and I used to run the two miles to Rosedale for the Pro Rec, coached by Maurice Jorgenson, then we would run home.

When the war started there were four of the family who joined the force: Charles T. Gribling, R.C.A.F. 1941, Harvey I. Gribling, R.C.A.F. 1941, Gerald (Gerry) Gribling, R.C.A.F. 1941, Ilene Gribling, C.W.A.C. We were fortunate to return home safe and sound.

Harvey Gribling married Ann Hughes in North Wales during the war. Ann came to Rosedale April 14, 1946. This is where we raised our family; three girls and one boy: Lynda Silbernagel, Dianne Stade, Heather McKinnon, John and wife, Carolyn. There are now six grandsons and two granddaughters.

At the time of this writing, my mother, Dot, has been in the Extended Care Unit of Chilliwack General Hospital for over seven years.

Charles John Gribling (father) died May 21, 1971.

There were six children, 16 grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren.

Hugh Curwood (Charles T. Gribling) is living in Vancouver, B.C.

Harvey and Ann Gribling live in Rosedale, B.C.

Gerald and Joan live at Union Bay, V.I., B.C.

Ilene and Murray Doucette live at Windthorst, Sask.

Calvin and Marj. live at Maple Ridge, B.C.

Niada lives in Ottawa, Ont.



Ann and Harvey Gribling.



The Grigg family about 1944. Back row, l-r: Arlene, Weldon, Bernice. Front row: Albert, Dennis and Ida.

## W.A. GRIGG FAMILY

by Arlene (Grigg) Fetterley

Albert Grigg (1899-1985) was a member of the pioneer family of James and Agnes Grigg who arrived in the Cheam area from Manitoba in 1903. This family settled on farm land on the north bank of Hope River, about three miles west of Rosedale. The road which bears the family name "Grigg" divided the farm. A split log barn, built in 1873 remains on the property now occupied by Jim Grigg, great grandson of James Grigg.

Mrs. Agnes Grigg died in 1910 and James Grigg married Priscilla Mathano in 1913. Unfortunately this couple lost their lives in the sinking of the Empress of Ireland in the St. Lawrence river while on their honeymoon in 1914.

The young orphaned family stuck together and helped each other. In time all had homes and families of their own.

Albert Grigg married Ida Lobb, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Lobb of Rosedale and the young couple settled on a 12 acre farm at 50090 Yale Road, about one half mile east of the Grigg home farm.

Here the Albert Griggs built their own house and barn, and cleared the land for a small dairy farm.

Six children were born to this union: four sons, Elmer, Weldon, Dean and Dennis and two daughters, Arlene and Bernice.

The family were regular in their attendance at Rosedale United Church where Albert was a popular teacher of the intermediate boys' Sunday School for several years.

The five older children all walked to Rosedale School - two and one half miles, and recall happy times shared with the Grainger and Cheetham children.

A special treat was to slide to school on the ice when

the slough was frozen.

Tragedy struck this family with the death of Dean in 1938 and fifteen months later Elmer's death by drowning in Cultus Lake in 1939.

In the fall of 1939, as the Second World War was only a few weeks old, the family relocated to a farm on Banford Road. From here the family became active in Cheam United Church. Albert was loved by all the young people as he assisted them greatly in sports' activities.

Arlene married Ken Fetterley and this couple have daughters: Wendy Hinkley, Verna De Armond (deceased 1984), and son Monty, a pilot who married Jennifer Rhodes. Weldon Grigg married Janet Longman, a schoolteacher of England, and they have daughters Sandra and Hazel (Cameron), and three sons, Murray, Neville and Lawrence. Dennis married Laverne Fetterley and this couple have a daughter Heather, and two sons Stacey and Graham. Dennis died in 1979. Bernice married Dr. Morley Rendall, a veterinarian, and they have two sons, Jeff and Bradley, and one daughter Deena.

Bernice and Morley reside at 49968 Yale Road, adjacent to where Bernice was born.

Ida Grigg died in 1959 and Albert remarried living in Chilliwack until his death in 1985.

## JOHN G. HACK

F.H.B. after conversation with John Hack

John Hack was born in Austria and emigrated to Canada in 1909, at five years of age. He grew up in Saskatchewan and came to B.C. in 1932. After living for a year in Columbia Valley and the Sardis area he came to Rosedale in 1936. These were the years of the great depression and jobs were non-existent, money almost unheard of. John Hack, always a deep thinker and a man of practical philosophy, believed in the old adage "produce something that everybody needs and the world will beat a path to your doorstep". Some serious thinking, reading, and practical work with the soil brought John Hack to the realization that Valley soils were highly acidic due to leaching from the heavy rainfall. John had heard that, along the foothills in the Rosedale-Popkum region, marl lime and limestone could be open pit-mined. Starting out on an exploratory trip, John proceeded along Chilliwack Central Rd. and, at the extreme easterly end, at McElwee Road, he saw an elderly gentleman walking. The two got into conversation, and, when John asked about lime deposits the gentleman said "Come with me and I will show you." That man was Alfred Brown and it was not long before the two men became neighbours and friends. So close was the friendship that developed over the ensuing 35 years that the road leading to the lovely foothill property, to the southeast of Rosedale village, is named Hack-Brown Road.

The 48 acre property that John Hack first bought had been owned by Lewis Larson of Lynden, Wash., but had been occupied by his brother Johnnie Larson. Hack did not know much of Johnnie Larson, but always respected him for the land clearing work he had done.

The very fertile soil, built up over many years by strong northeast winds from Harrison Lake and the Fraser

Canyon, also had besides the lime deposits, many shale type stones. When Hack arrived, the bench-like fields, at some 200 foot elevation, were dotted with piles of stones gathered by Larson.

Hack planted orchards of apple, pear and prune trees and seeded the fields to grasses and clovers to be cut (by scythe) for hay fodder for the horses, family cow and later dairy goats. There was a small house and old barn on the place but Hack built a larger home and barns. John Hack gives Christian testimony of his neighbour old Mr. Brown; "If ever there was a fine old English gentleman of Methodist faith and exemplary manners and conduct, it was Alfred Brown". John expressed his regret that these fine qualities seem to have been lost in many families.

John Hack had early learned to work with his hands and he was an excellent brick mason and carpenter. In 1938 he built the first brick chimney in the Bryant home and earned the eternal gratitude of Ruth Bryant who had lived in continual fear of tin stovepipes going through upstairs' bedrooms. Hack built some beehive burners and using wood as fuel, actually burned some limestone and distributed it in small quantities to local farmers. However, it was not as a producer of agricultural limestone that he was to make his living. Realizing that a building of some height was necessary to handle wet lime and elevate it to get it into the bins for loading into trucks, he started thinking about his own sawmill.

John Hack credits Mr. E.O. Patterson with getting him started as a mill operator. John fondly refers to Gene Patterson as his "sawmill father" and claims indebtedness to Mr. Patterson for teaching him much about sawmill operation and maintenance. By this time Hack owned a total of 248 acres of hillside property with



Mrs. Tom Hall, far right, with friends. Back row, l-r: Anne Furnell, Mrs. Richardson, Mrs. Janicki, Rose Simoens. Front row: Eleanor Martin, Anne Flebbe holding son, Conrod, Sophie Martin, holding son, Edward.

plenty of fir, hemlock and some maple and birch.

By this time the second world war was in progress and stove and furnace oil, in general use for home heating, was almost impossible to obtain. Hacks' theory of selling lumber and using the slabs to dry his limestone by firing, was short lived. Local residents were in fact beating a path to his door to obtain sawdust and slabs for cookstoves and heaters.

Hack was one of the few mill operators who would custom cut logs for local farmers, many of whom had a few trees on their property. Nearly always these would not be "clean logs" and Hack had some narrow misses, collecting many nails and spikes as evidence.

On occasion Hack operated with a crew of up to eight men, but he commented that he made the best return when he worked by himself or with little help. He developed many friends for the good service he provided, which was not available from other large mills.

John Hack was getting older by now and his family had suffered several serious losses, but John carried on until 1970 when he moved to a more secluded acreage in North Bend, B.C.

This little community, with some good farm land was isolated and much more to John's liking. The building of the bridge in 1985 was viewed by John Hack as a mixed blessing. As he says, "You can get out more easily, but our security and privacy are gone".

Visiting Rosedale recently, John showed his continuing vitality at an age exceeding 80 years. He has no regret for his 34 years spent in Rosedale.



John Hack and son, Bobby, at the mill about 1950.

## THE THOMAS HALL AND FRANK MCCARTHY FAMILIES

as told to Mary Person by Bessie (Hall) McCarthy

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hall were married in 1901 in England. Mr. Hall had an aunt in Vancouver and when their son was just a year old they moved to Vancouver where Tom Hall worked for the City of Vancouver.

In 1932 he purchased the property of 14 1/2 acres on the north side of Yale Road just east of what is now No. 9 Highway. Hall road is named for this couple. Their new house was partially built when they moved here in 1941, after their youngest daughter, Bessie, was married. They

brought with them their purebred airedale dog "Sir Thomas Tucker". He would walk up the white line on the road as if he owned it - on his way to Popkum school right about lunchtime each day. Mrs. Hall belonged to several Ladies' Clubs in Vancouver and when they moved here she belonged to the Popkum Ladies' Guild and the Women's Institute in Rosedale. She would tell Mr. Hall the afternoons and evenings she would be away and his famous answer was always "Don't tell me when you're going to be out, Mrs. 'all, tell me when you're going to be home". Mr. Hall was an avid gardener both in Vancouver and in Popkum. He passed away in 1952.

Mrs. Hall couldn't live alone, so Bessie and Frank McCarthy moved into the big house from Clinton, after Frank had built a little house for Mrs. Hall close by. Frank McCarthy was a swine breeder and produced a number of hogs for market each year. He was also a shoemaker. He had had his own shoe shop in Cinton and in Chilliwack. They had two daughters, Marion and Beverley. Beverley was killed in an automobile accident in October of 1958 and Mrs. Hall passed away in December of 1958. Frank McCarthy passed away in 1969. Bessie McCarthy still lives in the same house. Her daughter, Marion Quinlan, works in New Westminster as a B.C. Telephone supervisor.

## SEVERT HALVORSON FAMILY

*by Cecil Halvorson*

Severt was born in Norway in 1883. He moved to Stanley, North Dakota, U.S.A. in 1902, where he worked for the railway. Here he met Minnie Walters and was married in 1910. They immigrated to Canada to homestead 40 miles south of Gull Lake, Saskatchewan. Four miles from this homestead the town of Shaunavon was built. Having a town 4 miles away instead of 40 was certainly more convenient.

During the years on the homestead they raised eight children: Augusta, 1910, Hilda, 1912, Edwin, 1914, Cecil, 1916, Myrtle, 1918, Gordon, 1920, Arthur, 1922, and Mabel 1925. The family farmed there for 27 years, then during the depression in 1937 moved to Cheam View, B.C. They rented the Carlson farm on Herrling Island until 1939, when they bought the Tom Peck farm at the foot of Mount Cheam. The property was divided several times amongst the family and later an access road was built and named Halvorson Road. Fifteen acres of the original property still remains in the Halvorson family.

Severt Halvorson passed away in 1971 at the age of 87 years. Minnie Halvorson passed away in 1987 at the age of 97.

In 1932 the first daughter to be married was Hilda to John Bendig at Chilliwack, B.C. They farmed on Herrling Island from 1932-1942. While here they had two daughters, Jean and Margaret. In 1942 they moved to the Interior and later to Summerland where they operated an orchard until retirement.

In 1937, Augusta married Harold Power at Shaunavon, Saskatchewan. They moved to Herrling Island in the fall of 1937. In 1942, they bought the Bendig farm. Their children were Joyce, Evelyn, Betty and Dan.

In 1948, the year of the flood, they moved to a portion of the Halvorson farm where they built a new home. Harold worked for the Patterson Mill until he retired. He passed away in 1981.

In 1985, Augusta married Ernie Hall. After 3 years she passed away in 1987.

In 1938, Edwin married Esther Kolke in Vancouver, B.C. He worked in a shipyard in Vancouver as a machinist for several years, then went into the sewing machine business. He passed away in 1968 at the age of 54. They had two daughters, Ruth and Doris. Doris passed away in 1968 at age 24. Esther has remarried and lives in Vancouver.

In 1943, Cecil married Elizabeth Linton in Princeton, B.C. They moved to Penticton in 1945 where their daughter, Gladys was born. They moved back to a part of the Halvorson farm and built a house. His son, John was born here. Cecil worked at the Indian Hardwood Mill at Cheam View. In 1952 they moved to Penticton where he drove truck hauling building supplies. Cecil was divorced in 1969 and married Sylvia Shaw in 1970. He worked as a carpenter until retirement. They now live in Victoria, B.C. His son, John was killed in an auto accident in Quesnel, B.C. in 1985 at age 38.

In 1941, Myrtle married Bill Higham at Cheam View. Bill and his bride first lived on the west side of Harrison Lake where he was working as a high rigger. In 1946, Bill and Myrtle built a house on a portion of the Halvorson farm and there raised five children: Harry, David, Ed, Don and Mary. In 1966, they moved to Prince George where he worked in lumber mills until his retirement when they moved back to Chilliwack.

In 1941, Gordon joined the Canadian Army Forestry Corps. He served overseas four years as a Class A tractor fitter. In 1946, he married Isabel Miller in Penticton, B.C. and moved to Vancouver where he was employed as a mechanic for B.C. Equipment Co. Ltd. In 1950, they moved to Summerland, B.C. where Gordon worked as a technician for the Department of Agriculture Research Station until retirement. They had two sons, Ray and Ed, who were born in Penticton, B.C.

In 1949, Arthur married Tena Balzer in Cheam View. They built a house on the Halvorson property and their two sons, Ervin and Ben were born and raised. Art worked in the logging industry. Art and Tena moved to Chilliwack in 1979, when they sold the Halvorson farm to their sons who currently own it. Arthur passed away in 1980 at age 58. Tena still lives in Chilliwack.

Mabel went to the Vancouver Bible School and upon graduating she went to Japan with Doreen Shaw as a missionary. There they started the "World Mission for Children" for unwanted children. Mabel was there for 11 years. Upon returning, she settled in Harrison Hot Springs and worked in the Harrison Hotel.

In 1969, Mabel married Eldon Holcomb, a widower from Garden Grove, California. She immigrated back to Garden Grove with her husband. Eldon had 3 children, Harold, Sylvia and Rachel. Eldon worked for Rockwell as an electronic technician. They live in Hemet, California.

There are happy memories of life around the Halvorson place with families and twelve children living

on the property. One of the more memorable events was the regular Wednesday night Bible study and prayer meetings held in Severt and Minnie's home, led by Severt. Family and neighbours from around the area attended these meetings. Christmas was a special highlight as nearly all the relatives came from near and far.

## THE ISAAC HAMILTON FAMILY

by C. V. Ryder

Isaac Hamilton (1842-1920) was one of a family of eight sons and two daughters born in Ireland between 1821 and 1845. They came with their parents to Ontario about 1850 and settled near Lucknow, Bruce County. The sons and daughters married in Ontario. Three migrated to the Fraser Valley with their families: Isaac, William and Elizabeth (Hamilton) Thompson and husband Robert. The Thompsons settled in the Cheam district; their daughter married Richard Smith of Rosedale and after his death, James Nelson; their son Robert was a Popcum resident.



The Isaac Hamilton family about 1902. Standing, l-r: Margaret, Archie, Frank, Sarah, William. Seated: Robert and son, Clarence, Ellen, Mary Jane (Jennie), Isaac, and Rebecca.

The Isaac Hamilton family arrived about 1886, following the Thompsons who came about 1876. Isaac and his wife Ellen were accompanied by a number of their family of eight, the others following after a year or two. The oldest son Robert arrived in 1887 at age 22, having married in Ontario.

Isaac and Robert jointly pre-empted District Lot 467 of 220 acres, on the west side of present McGrath Road and divided later by Castleman Road, obtaining title under Crown Grant in 1901. In the flood of 1894 the cattle were moved to higher land toward Popcum. The season's crops were destroyed and land was lost through erosion of the slough channels.

In the years that followed, none of the original homestead property remained under ownership of members of the Hamilton family, but three of the four sons of Isaac and Ellen remained in the Rosedale-Camp Slough district and raised families on separate properties. All four

daughters married locally; two remained and two departed with their husbands to other regions.

Isaac and Ellen, when their older sons became independent, moved to East Chilliwack where they rented the McKeever farm on Chilliwack Central Road adjacent to Joseph Brannick. After several years they purchased property at Chilliwack Central and McElwee Roads where they lived with their youngest son, Frank and daughter, Margaret. After Margaret married, Isaac and Ellen moved to a home at Yale Road and Annis. Isaac died in 1920 in Chilliwack and Ellen in 1926 in Clinton where she had spent her final years with her daughter Mary Jane.

Son, Robert Hamilton (1865-1936) married Rebecca Jane (Jennie) Scott (1867-1952) in Ontario. They lived on the homestead property on present McGrath Road, and after sale of this property moved in 1900 to 49962 Camp Slough Road. This farm has remained under ownership of the Hamilton family since that time. Bob had financial



Robert and Jennie Hamilton and family. Mae, Pearl, Irene, and Clarence.

resources which enabled him to help new settlers in the area by loans on farm property. Jenny was a practical nurse and midwife, and assisted in many homes. When living on McGrath Road she taught Sunday School in the Presbyterian Church in Rosedale.

Robert and Jennie had a family of three daughters and one son, all of whom attended Rosedale and Camp Slough schools. The daughters, all of whom married and left the area, were Mae, Mrs. J.A. Kelly of New Westminster; Pearl, Mrs. Rex Capling of Bad Axe, Michigan; and Irene, Mrs. W.A. McDonald of New Westminster. A foster daughter, Beth Tough, married Russell Street of Chilliwack and currently resides in Chilliwack.

Son, Clarence (1900-1970) continued to operate the family farm on Camp Slough Road. He married Barbara May Tannahill of Chilliwack in 1921, lost by death in 1924, then English-born Annie Nutting in 1926, and Ada Bellamy in 1948. The second marriage produced five children: Robert Arthur (1927-1963) who married Doris Prendergast in Chilliwack; Mildred Mae (1930-1976) who married Richard Renz of Chilliwack; Barbara Laverne

(1933- ) who married R.H. Mowll of Vancouver, and twin sons Reginald and Ronald, born 1938. Reginald married Louise Arcand in Chilliwack in 1962 and remains on the farm property of his parents and grandparents. Reg has been active in sheep and swine breeding, a trucking business, and pony racing. Ron married Elizabeth Beaulieu and is now living in Agassiz, B.C.

Isaac and Ellen's second son William J. Hamilton (1873-1938) married Ontario-born Charlotte Anne Scott (1868-1940), a sister of Mrs. Robert Hamilton, about 1900. They farmed on forty acres, adjacent to his brother Archie, on Yale Road in Lot 384 between the present Annis and Upper Prairie Roads. They had one son Alva Leonard (1901-1926) who died in a logging accident near Port Renfrew, Vancouver Island, four years after his marriage to Vivian Irene Jones of Chilliwack. They had one daughter Wilhemene, known as "Flossie", who married M.E. Dickson of Vancouver in 1924.

Isaac and Ellen's third son Archibald J. Hamilton (1874-1948) was known as "Little Archie" to distinguish him from his cousin of the same name. He was Rosedale's postmaster in the early years from 1894 to 1902. In 1898 he married Annie Jane Muirhead, daughter of James Muirhead Sr. of Rosedale. They farmed on 40 acres on Yale Road adjacent to Archie's brother William and retained property in this location for many years.

Archie and Annie had one son Harvey (1900-1977). He married Jean Martin in Chilliwack in 1920. They had one daughter Doris, now deceased, who married Alan Keenleyside, and one son Clifford, now living in the Chilliwack area. Archie and Annie also adopted Theodore (Ted) (1914-1970), the infant son of James and Sarah Anne (Hamilton) Muirhead on the death of his mother shortly after his birth. Ted married Saskatchewan-born Freda Smith in 1941. Now a widow, she is living in Chilliwack.

Isaac and Ellen's youngest son Frank lived with his parents until his sister Margaret married William Smith in 1906. It is believed that he followed the Smiths to Arizona and lived with them, unmarried, in his later years.

Isaac and Ellen's daughter Rebecca married Duncan Munro and they remained Rosedale residents on property at Yale Road and Nevin.

Isaac and Ellen's daughter Sarah Anne (1876-1914) married Rufus James Muirhead of Rosedale. (See account in his name.)

Isaac and Ellen's daughter Mary Jane (Jennie) (1878-1947) married Isaac Newton Carr, brother of David Carr, in Rosedale in 1904. Isaac adopted a change of surname to Kerr. Their first son Isaac was born in Rosedale. The family moved to a ranching enterprise near Clinton, B.C., where two more sons and one daughter were born. Many descendants of this family remain in the Clinton area. It is believed that Jennie cared for her mother for some years before Ellen's death in 1926.

Isaac and Ellen's youngest daughter Margaret married William Smith in Rosedale in 1906. They moved to Arizona and their subsequent history is not known.



*The William Hamilton Family about 1930. Back row, l-r: Edith, Celena, John, Viola. Front row: Lyal, Mabel, Harold, Mr. Hamilton holding Pat, Hazel, George, Richard, Mrs. Hamilton holding Margaret, and Thomas.*

## THE WILLIAM HAMILTON FAMILY

*by C.V. Ryder*

William Hamilton Sr. was born in 1839 in Ireland and migrated with his parents to Lucknow, Bruce County, Ontario. He came to the Chilliwack area about 1888 with his brother Isaac following his sister Mrs. Robert Thompson of Cheam who had come west in 1876.

William came as a widower, bringing with him his four sons: Archibald (Archie), William Jr., Joseph and James. In 1888 William Hamilton pre-empted the Southeast quarter of Section 32, Township 29, at the intersection of the present Chilliwack Central and McElwee Roads, and obtained title under Crown Grant in 1902. Although William Jr. and his cousin William (son of Isaac) were mature in 1902, it is believed from the pre-emption data that the homesteading applicant was William Hamilton Sr. The property did not remain in ownership of the family, although there is record that Isaac Hamilton owned a portion for a few years prior to 1906.

Son Archibald was known as "Big Archie" to distinguish him from his cousin of the same name. He married and farmed on 13 acres on Chapman Road, later occupied by the Getty family. He had a family of three: Truman, lost in WWI, Ethel and Wesley.

Son Joseph Hamilton (1869-1943) married Agnes McAdam, from a local family. They lived on Quarry Road and were part of the Cheam community. Joe and his brother William are remembered for a specialty in the construction of bridges and similar works. The family consisted of three: Nettie, Annie and Joseph.

Son James Hamilton was for some years manager of B.C. Hops in the Sardis-Atchelitz area. He married Maud Vedder, daughter of a very early pioneer family of that area. They later moved to Salem, Oregon.

William Hamilton Jr. (1876-1938) was known as "Black Bill" to distinguish him from his cousin. The label was in reference to his darker hair and beard, and had no derogatory intent. He married Emily Florence Kelly (1886-1966), of a local family who had come from

Huntsville, Ontario. For the remainder of his lifetime Bill farmed on 25 acres on Chapman Road and engaged in a variety of supplementary occupations. He raised a large family of seventeen children, all of whom attended local schools. In descending order of age, these are:

Percy Reginald, born in 1901; married neighbour Mary Getty; died in accident in Surrey in 1945; one son Kenneth born 1932, now in Inuvik, N.W.T.

Celena Matilda, born in 1904; married Jack Walker (now deceased); three children, Dorothy, Elsie and Robert; Celena lives in Chilliwack.

Edith Florence, born in 1905; married Joseph Bage who had come from England with aspirations to be a cowboy; both now deceased; five children; Francis, Arthur, Doreen, Marie and Helen.

James (Jim) William, born in 1907, deceased 1959; married Eleanor Clark; four children: William, Barbara, Beverly and Vicky.

Alexander, born 1909, deceased 1968; married Gladys Hubbard; two children: Wanda and Dorothy; one son Patrick by a second marriage.

Viola Elizabeth, born 1911; married, husband deceased; living in Chilliwack; two children: Ernie and Helen.

Leverna Doris, born 1913, died 1926 at age 13.

Mabel Eliza, born 1915; married Herman Wiker, living in Sundre, Alberta; four children: Harold (killed in mountain accident at age 19), George, Margaret, and Barbara (all in prairie region).

John Ernest, born 1916; remained single; operated the family farm on Chapman Road with other employment in public works; retired and living in Chilliwack.

Harold Secord, born 1919, deceased 1977; married Eileen Wendell; seven children: Audrey, Terry, Gary, Bobby, John, Debbie, and Jamie.

Hazel Kathleen, born 1920; remained unmarried; living in Chilliwack.

Lyal Milton, born 1923; married Mary K. Divall; four children: Sharon, Dennis, Charlene, and Lynn; Lyal and Mary live on Reeves Road in Cheam area, engaged in business of trucking and sand and gravel supply; and enjoy pony racing as a hobby.

Thomas Gordon, born 1924; married Maureen Boyd; one son, Gordon; living in Chilliwack.

Leonard Richard, born 1926, deceased 1980; married Winifred Mitchell; four children: William, Robert, Bonnie and Penny.

Wilbur Willard (adopted), born 1927, married and living in Yale, B.C.

Alvin George, born 1928, deceased 1981; married Shirley Pratt of Kamloops; three children: Ivan, Evelyn and Harvey.

Margaret Doris Rebecca, born 1929; married Theodore Holt in 1961; one son, Terry; Margaret and Theodore living in Kamloops.

## SAMUEL ALEXANDER HOUSTON HARDING

by Joan (Moss) Stone:

Samuel Harding (1860-1953) and his wife, Jane (1862-1923), arrived at Camp Slough on March 22, 1890, from Balmoral, Manitoba and settled on 80 acres on the corner of Camp Slough and Gill Roads. They were accompanied by their three children, Carrie Emma Maude, Charles Allan, Flake Isabel and Jane's two brothers-in-law, Walter and William Parry.



Maude, Alan, Jane and Sam Harding, and Flake.

In the earliest days a shopping trip to Chilliwack, eight miles away, was a day long trek travelling by oxen drawn cart; later a team of horses and wagon, or horse and buggy, made the trip much less time consuming. If there were livestock and produce to be sold in the markets at New Westminster it had to be driven or transported to Chilliwack where it was loaded on a steamer for the trip down the Fraser River. Two of the steamers serving the area were the "Ramona" and the "Gladys".

The family survived the big flood of 1894 in their own home - living in the upper portions of the house and cooking the meals, walking on fence rails floating in the several inches of water which covered the kitchen floor to get to the cookstove. Needless to say the wood for the fire was somewhat soggy!

Sam was a dairy farmer and an active member of the community. He was a member of the first Camp Slough school board, the Fraser Valley Milk Producers Association and the Camp Slough Hall board. He grew

the first alfalfa in the district.

Jane was noted for her butter making and made weekly trips, by horse and buggy, to Chilliwack to sell the results of three: Ernest, Walter and Beth.

Their home was the centre for community social life where Jane played the organ for church services and the accordion for dances.



*Sam Harding's farmyard, 1889. Well pole in centre.*

In 1919, Sam sold 20 acres of the farm to his son-in-law George Moss and later, 40 acres to his son Allan. The remainder he kept for himself until 1944, when he sold that and moved into Chilliwack.

Daughter Maude (1880-1950) married Charles A.P. Gill, for whom Gill Road was named. They had a family of three: - Ernest, Walter and Beth.

Son, Allan (1885-1955) married Esme Street. Their family included Janet, Ted, Ernest and Esme.

Daughter, Flake (1888-1983) married George Moss. They had two daughters, Joan and Doreen.

## THE FAMILY OF SAMUEL AND ALICE HAYES

*by Shirley Bellamy*

Samuel and Alice Hayes emigrated from England to Canada in 1913. They settled in Harrison Mills with their family of six boys, Laurie, Bert, Fred, Harry, George and Dennis and four girls, Betty, Gladys, Dorothy and Irene. Two girls had passed away in England. Samuel Hayes died within a year of their arrival in Harrison Mills.

In 1917, when the oldest boy was about 18, Alice and her family came to the Rosedale area where they settled on a farm near the dyke, at what is now 50318 Camp River Road.

The younger children attended Camp River School. The older children worked out to help their mother with the home expenses, and all of them helped on the farm. Some years later Alice and two of her sons, Bert and George, rented a farm at Agassiz for several years before purchasing it.

Irene married Norman Eldridge Chapman in June of 1927. They farmed on Chapman Road.

In 1988, Dorothy (Hayes) Robinson, now living in a rest home in Vancouver, is the only surviving member of the original Samuel Hayes family.

## THE STEPHEN R. HEAL FAMILY

*information from Ronald Heal*

Stephen Heal, a veteran of the First Great War of 1914-18, married Margaret G. Jacks in 1919 and the young couple settled on a small farm at 10717 McGrath Rd. North. Poultry and dairy farming were tried, but Steve Heal turned to fruit and vegetable growing. In the late 1920's he purchased the James Bradley property at 51098 Yale Road.

This acreage had been divided by the Rail line and about two acres on the south of the tracks facing onto Nevin Road was planted in rhubarb. Nine acres on the north was planted in raspberries, and this was the first large planting in the upper valley.

The Trans Canada Highway, which passed in front of the house, was utilized; a large banner was strung across the roadway advertising fruit for sale. Cherries and other tree fruits were purchased from neighbours and shipped to the Prairies, via baggage car on the passenger trains from the Rosedale Station. In 1932 Steve Heal and C. Eckert of Yarrow and Agassiz formed the Yarrow Growers' Association to market produce grown by the new Mennonite settlers. Mr. Heal put up his modest life insurance policy as security with the Canadian Bank of Commerce to finance the project of growing, harvesting and processing of dried peas. Farmers in the Rosedale area contracted with the new company and the first peas were planted with oats, thinking that the oats would help hold the peas up. The separation of the oats and peas seemed an unnecessary task, so Thomas and Laurie Lobb of the Rosedale Blacksmith Shop fabricated a metal attachment to trail behind the sickle bar of a horse-drawn hay mower. This swather turned the dried peas over into a long swath, with the pea pods on the inside, to prevent undue shelling.

The pea growing business was quite successful and many acres of peas were threshed by Tuystens Brothers of Agassiz and trucked to Yarrow. Unfortunately, the pea moth, in the damp coastal climate, soon ravaged the crops, and in 1937 the Heals relocated to Armstrong, B.C., founding B.C. Pea Growers Ltd. which has grown over the years.

In Rosedale, the Heals called their farm Avion Place and the name was used to market the peas. Avion Peas still appear on your grocery shelf. Another thrill for Steve Heal was when the 72 Milepost on the Trans Canada Highway was placed right at his front door, as Steve had served in the 72nd Battalion.

Mr. and Mrs. Heal had three sons; Jack, Ronald and Geoffery. Jack turned to ranching in the Okanagan and died in 1981. Ron and Geoff are active in The B.C. Pea Growers Ltd.

Mr. Heal was a charter member of the Orange Lodge in Rosedale and served in executive positions with the Rosedale Athletic Club. The family were active in Rosedale United Church. Mrs. Heal played the organ and

Mr. Heal was a member of the Choir. He is remembered for his fine solos, especially on Remembrance Day.

## THE DANIEL HEGYMEGI FAMILY

*by Helen Hegymegi*

It was a memorable day for Dan and Sophia Hegymegi and children John, Elizabeth and Helen when we arrived in Chilliwack on Labour Day, 1924, from Hungary. Dan and Sophia had previously been in the U.S.A. where the children were born, but returned to Hungary in 1920. Conditions following World War One were so bad that they were anxious to return to America. The family sailed from Cherbourg, France on the Cunard ship *Antonia*, landing in Quebec City in August and crossing Canada by CNR. After a three-day stop in Winnipeg, where I recall that it was very windy, we arrived in Chilliwack. We did not know a soul and were unable to speak English. Our parents had learned a little English during the few years in the U.S.A.

We came to Rosedale in October and lived in the Muirhead house at 51080 Castleman Road. Sam and Jessie Gregory were very helpful neighbours, also Mr. and Mrs. William Bell who lived just across the slough. We three children attended Rosedale School where we were all put into Grade One. John, who had been to school in Hungary, was soon advanced to a higher grade. Helen had only attended kindergarten in Hungary and then only when she could not sneak out to the harvest fields by hiding in the wagons drawn by the two pet cows. In 1925 we moved to the Matt Vallance farm at 10700 McGrath Road, where our neighbours were the family of Captain George Scott, who worked on the Rosedale Agassiz Ferry. It was always a pleasure to visit with Mr. and Mrs. Baxter Anderson and Mr. and Mrs. David Grant. Mr. Grant, a retired policeman, would thrill us with stories of his early days in the police force. When we went to visit Joshua and Harry Cook just up the road, we were met by the beautiful white collie dogs that they raised. We also picked strawberries for Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Heal just across the road.

Several years later we moved to the Kerns' small farm on McGrath Road South, now 9675. Mrs. Kern had moved to live with her daughter Mrs. W.D. Hughes at the station.

Dad worked as a section hand under George Sliven, foreman, and we went to school with Annie and Pearl Sliven, who lived in the section foreman's house. Later we rented the larger farm at 50941 Willbourn Road from Mr. Thomas Lobb. Here, our neighbours were the Jimmy Dougherty family and the Maguire family. When Mr. Lobb sold the farm to Mr. Ed. Willbourn we purchased a farm on Gibson Road. We regretted leaving Rosedale, where, for seven years, we had attended school, Rosedale United Church Sunday School and C.G.I.T., and had made so many good friends.

Elizabeth married Carl Stensholt and moved to Yale. She has two daughters, Margaret and Ellen. Margaret lives at Sidney, B.C. and her mother lives nearby. Ellen resides in Ottawa, Ontario. John and Helen lived on the farm until 1978 and now reside in Parksville, B.C.

## MR. AND MRS. GUS HEIN

*by Mary Person*

Gus and Alice Hein came from Youngstown, Alberta. It was a very dry area in Alberta and they had had drought for 13 years. Surely there were better places to live, so they came to visit Mr. and Mrs. George Newhouse who had bought the Bill and Mary Bond acreage. Mrs. Newhouse's mother and the Heins were neighbours in Youngstown. They saw the little hill on Sam Matychuk's property, fell in love with it, bought it, built a house on it and never went back to the prairies.



*Mr. and Mrs. Gus Hein, summer of 1950.*

Mr. Hein had a heart attack in 1953, but Mrs. Hein is still here. Now in her ninety-eighth year, she walks her little dog twice a day, and she raised the flag at the Canada Day ceremonies in Rosedale July 1, 1987. Alice celebrated her 100th birthday, March 16, 1989.

## THE HENDERSON HISTORY

*by Frances (Henderson) Miller*

Two brothers, A.C. and S.C. Henderson, building contractors, arrived in Rosedale in 1875. They acquired land adjoining the Cheam Indian Reserve on the east and west to approximately the present McGrath Road. This family was the first to obtain title to land in Rosedale. The Hendersons acquired large land holdings in the eastern valley by both Crown Grant and purchase. It is believed that their farm was given the name "Rosedale" by them.

A.C. Henderson built the first store in the area at the intersection of McGrath and Castleman Roads. It was operated by the Bartlett Brothers. He built a fine home at the present address of 10346 Bustin Road at the intersection of Old Yale Road. The family were staunch Presbyterians and when the Rosedale Presbyterian Church was built in 1908 he donated the steeple bell that has called the faithful to worship every Sunday for eighty years.

A son of A.C. Henderson by the name of John Calvin Henderson, accompanied by his wife, Elizabeth, and son, Arthur, came to Rosedale from the United States in 1877.

He was resident of Rosedale for a year or so while he worked at the Airth and Knight Sawmill in Popcum. In 1879 he was appointed the agent for the Pioneer Steamboat Company. This firm operated a fleet of boats between Victoria and the Fraser River. Riverboats, at that time, went up the river as far as Yale. He lived in Chilliwack from then until his death in 1927.

His son, John Calvin "Jack" Henderson, for many years delivered feed to the dairy farms from B&K Milling Co. and quite often relieved Ross Chisholm as manager of the company's store in Rosedale.

My father, Isaac Henderson, 1862-1915, son of S.C. Henderson, left Ireland February 24, 1886, visited relatives in New York and New Westminster, and arrived in Rosedale in the summer of 1886. He was a civil engineer. A house was built for Isaac just east of his uncle's and is still standing at 51773 Old Yale Road. His sister, Miss Lizzie Henderson, lived with him until his marriage. Another brother, my uncle, John Cotter Henderson, although he lived in Chilliwack, was the first medical doctor available in the area, including the residents of Rosedale and Popcum, for many years.

I have always understood that my father was the first



*Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Henderson.*

white man to climb Cheam Peak. The first time he was accompanied by an Indian guide. Before his death in 1915, and while still a young man, he had made the trip 28 times. He is credited with naming Killarney Valley, that very lovely little valley, high in the hills, just before you make the last ascent to the ridge and the peak. One trip that he writes of in his diary (which I still have) tells of leaving home on the 14th September, 1899, and returning six days later on the 20th. The party included Charles Munro, M.P., and Mrs. Munro, Elgin Munro, Lizzie Henderson, and three other young women friends, visiting from the East.

My father loved the mountain and I remember so well, how of an evening he'd sit on the front verandah, with his binoculars, gazing at the peak. Even after his death in 1915 we would watch to see if the flag he had put there was still flying, weather-beaten, of course. Dad loved

music and sang in the choir, which he conducted until Mr. Edgar Archibald came to Rosedale.

Miss Mary McLeod of Ripley, Ontario, came to visit her brother John McLeod, and family, who lived across the road from the Henderson farm. Here she met Isaac Henderson and on June 21, 1903, they were married. My father tried to talk his bride into being married on Cheam Peak, but Mary McLeod said, "No!" It is interesting to note, that a wedding did take place on the Peak in 1987.

The couple had four children: Martha (Mrs. Zeph Munro), Frances (Mrs. Weldon Miller), Samuel and Mary (Mrs. Victor L. Miller). My sister Mary was only four and a half years old when our mother, Mrs. Mary Henderson, was left a widow. What courage she had, as she did the work of a man, to keep her family together. Farm help was hard to get during World War I, but she managed, milking the cows, shipping milk, and raising geese for sale. We were always well fed and clothed, as my mother was an excellent cook and dressmaker.

My parents were staunch Presbyterians and we attended church every Sunday. In the early days there was no manse, so visiting ministers often stayed overnight in different homes, ours sometimes. When Rev. Roderick McKay, the first minister of the Union Presbyterian and Methodist Churches resided in Rosedale in 1917 it was in the large Holt house on the southeast corner of Ford and Sache Street. Each of the three points of East Chilliwack, Cheam, and Rosedale paid six dollars per month for the total rent of \$18.00.

Sam Henderson continued to operate the family farm until his death in 1975. He married Miss Marge Hooton of Rosedale. The couple had a foster son Wayne Bilous who now owns the Henderson farm at 51773 Yale Road.

## **CHARLES MOTT AND SARAH HENNING**

*information from Sarah Henning*

Charles M. and Sarah Henning came to Rosedale in 1944, from California, and purchased the A.H. Mercer farm at 51630 Yale Road, just east of the CNR Crossing. This was at the time of the retirement from farming of J.E. Buckingham. Howard Buckingham carried on working for Mr. and Mrs. Henning for two years.

Mr. and Mrs. Henning built a lovely ranch style home in the beautiful grove of cedars on the knoll, and the new barns. They introduced Registered Hereford cattle to the Upper Valley and exhibited these at the Chilliwack Fair. Several 4-H instruction and judging classes were held at their farm.

Mr. Henning was always a forward thinker in Agricultural pursuits, and introduced the first mobile pickup hay baler to the Chilliwack Area. This machine was a real improvement in the processing and harvesting of hay. Previously it had been the slow and laborious process of cutting, tedding, then raking with a dump rake and coiling by hand and hand pitching loose hay onto horse-drawn wagons. The next innovation was the hay loader, whereby the hay was raked into a swath and loaded with a wheel driven loader, trailed behind the wagon. These were known as 'Man-killers', because they were such



*Mr. Henning's registered Herefords.*

heavy work. By this method the forage did not get the necessary opportunity to cure, it was either powdery or too tough. The Henning's baler was of considerable interest to all the farmers in the area and much discussion ensued. A baled hay demonstration was held at the farm.

Mr. and Mrs. Henning took a keen interest in the environment and supported improved drainage for the area. The farm was posted as a bird sanctuary.

The farm was sold in 1955 and Mr. Henning passed away in 1956.

Mrs. Henning resided in Chilliwack for many years and took a keen interest in the Chilliwack Museum and Historical Society. She served as custodian of the Chilliwack Museum from 1968 to 1974.

Mrs. Henning is presently a resident of Valley Haven Rest Home in Chilliwack, where she loves a visit from friends.

Since the Hennings sold the farm, several fine residential lots have been subdivided from the front of the farm facing on Yale Road and some impressive homes are situated there now.



*Mr. Charles Henning.*

## THE HERRLINGS OF HERRLING ISLAND

*The following is written from a submission by Gwen Osterberg and interviews with Sarah (Herrling) Kiernan and Sophie Gardner.*

Drive the Trans-Canada Highway from Rosedale to Hope in 1986 and you can't help but notice the large new green and white sign indicating "Herrling Island" with an exit arrow.

It seems ironical that it has taken most of the twentieth century to gain this simple recognition of a family who came here in the middle 1800's and pre-empted much of this very large island that bears the family name. Now no one is living on the island, that once was home to some ten or twelve families, and which at one time boasted its own school and post office.



*Seated, l-r: John and Matilda Herrling. Standing: Flora, Celia, Sara, August, Clarence (Buster), Jimmy, on Herrling Island.*

From the information available one soon realizes that the immigrant from Hungary by the name of Charles August Herrling (1826-1901) and his descendants have done much to populate this young country for there are many, many Herrlings.

In 1867 a French Missionary Priest recorded baptizing "John Gustave Herrling ne le six mar 1867 Charles Herrling and Sianieat Fernna, indiemie de Gwowamey". Here we have a Hungarian pronouncing an Indian name to a French Priest as he records it in his journal, a document now held by the Oblate Fathers in Vancouver.

According to Sarah Herrling Kiernan, John had an older brother and sister, Gus who was adopted, and Celia Cignonia. The Chilliwack Progress reported Gus passing away suddenly on the 3rd of February, 1916, while crossing a river. Charles Joseph, a young brother, was born in 1879.

John Herrling first married Josephine Pierre, who died without descendants. He then married Matilda (Tillie) Nelson, a local Indian girl from Agassiz. Tillie was born March 10, 1885. Both Sarah Kiernan and Sophie Gardiner certify that John Herrling pre-empted land on the island and lived and raised his family there. Seven children were born to this union as follows:

Laura, born 1907, died 1914, at age seven, buried at Laidlaw.

Clarence, born 1909, died 1974, at age 65, buried in Cheam Reserve Cemetery.

Sarah, born 1911, married in 1936, to Bill Dolan and



Back row, l-r: Bill and Sara Dolan with Howard, Celia, Matilda and John Herrling. Seated: Cecilia Cigonia, (John Herrling's sister). Flora Herrling.



Standing l-r: Flora, Celia, Sara, Lenard Nelson, Minnie Marie Johnson, August holding Patricia Joan Herrling. Seated: John holding Howard Dolan, Matilda holding Clifford Dolan.

farmed on Herrling Island.

Charles, born 1912, died 1983 at age 71, buried in Cheam Reserve Cemetery.

James, born 1915, resides in Duncan on Vancouver Island.

Celja, born 1915, who married Gus Carlson, lived on Munro Avenue in Rosedale in retirement. Gus died in 1976 and Celia in 1980.

Flora, born 1924, died of tuberculosis in 1937 at the age of 14, buried in Cheam Reserve Cemetery.

Sarah Kiernan was a remarkable woman and despite her blindness, lived alone in a small house just below the water slides at Bridal Falls. She had a wonderful memory and was able to tell us who were in the family pictures, pictures which she has never seen, but only felt.

She spoke well of life on Herrling Island, living on what she referred to as "the tail end of the Island", or the most westerly portion. There was no requirement for fishing or hunting licenses in those early days and there was always a good garden and plenty of fruit trees. Bears were quite common and would raid the orchards as did the raccoons. The Island was plagued with mosquitos each summer. The children all attended school on the Island, but Sarah had to drop out at Grade six due to failing eyesight. She jokingly told of how her brothers would play hookey from school and ride the freight trains to Hope or Chilliwack the first years that the trains came, while their parents thought they were in school.

Sarah and Bill Dolan had two sons:

Howard, born in 1930 and now living in Aldergrove, B.C.

Clifford, born in 1933, now living in Squamish, B.C.

Sarah was left with the two small boys when Bill died in 1936.

In 1940 she married Pat Kiernan a miner living in Edmonton, Alberta. The couple came to live on Herrling Island where they farmed and milked cows, shipping milk to the Sardis plant via Weldon Miller's truck. In 1956 Pat and Sarah retired to live in Popkum until his death in 1970. Sarah joked about life on the Island, saying that as the only boat was kept on the Island side of the river

channel, they could be very selective of the visitors they wanted to see. Only in very low water could you walk or drive across to the mainland. Sarah Kiernan died in February, 1987.

It is of interest to note from Dellis Clelland's *Early Transportation Richmond* that a marine Captain Joseph Herrling was a captain about 1900 on the Fraser River boats in the Ladner and Prince George areas. As a mate he worked on the *Ramona* while on the run to Chilliwack and also served on the *Beaver*. It is likely that he served on the boats going upstream, past Rosedale, as far as Yale.

At this date, 1987, the mighty Fraser, which had a lot to do with the making of Herrling Island in the first place, continues to erode away its banks. As a result the acreage is somewhat smaller than it was when John Herrling first walked over it to stake his claim. It is likely beneficial that it is now all owned by Scott Paper Ltd. who have planted poplar seedlings for pulpwood. The first plantings were in the 1950's. Now, more than 30 years later those seedlings have produced a small forest ready to be harvested.

*Let us not forget the pioneers who toiled hard and long to wrestle a home from this native land.*

## THE W.H. HESS FAMILY

*by Edmond Hess  
and Virginia (Hess) McBreen*

William and Alberta Hess came north from Missouri, U.S.A., to Alberta in 1910, then west to Hope, B.C. and in 1921 purchased 640 acres between the Fraser River and the mountain, at the site of the Cheam View siding of the CNR. The property was purchased from John Riley.

The couple were accompanied by son Edmond (1904) and daughter Virginia (1909). An older daughter, Ellen was a schoolteacher and remained in Montana, U.S.A.

The forested property was already divided by the Yale Wagon Road and the continuing highway development has seen all of the land taken for highway construction. Much of the good bottom land has been eroded away by the river.



*Mr. and Mrs. Waldron, Mrs. Hess and her daughter, Virginia McBreen.*

The family had a small herd of Guernsey milk cows and shipped milk, by train, to Caldwell's Dairy in Vancouver. William Hess was a chemical engineer who had been in charge of designing cement plants for the Portland Cement Company throughout the United States. He was very interested in geology, did assay work and made frequent trips into the mountains as a prospector. It was while blasting a tunnel for mining purposes at Jessica, B.C. that William was killed in an accident in 1939.

Edmond Hess married Audrey McLeod, who was the first schoolteacher at the Herrliing Island School. In 1988 they are living at Chemainus, B.C.

Virginia Hess married Arthur McBreen. They lived at Cheam View and were associated with William Hess in prospecting.

The Hess family built a large hip-roofed barn that was a prominent landmark for many years. The Hess property was taken over by the Alan McKay family in 1940 for milling purposes.

## MR. AND MRS. DAVID HILL

*information from Miss Mary Hill*

David Hill (1879-1969) emigrated to Canada from England in the early 1900's and owned property in Rosedale in 1910.

He volunteered for active service in the First World War and his name appears on the Roll of Honour in Rosedale United Church. At the conclusion of the war he returned to Rosedale and engaged in fruit farming. About 1927 he married Miss Jenny Smith R.N. who was matron at Chilliwack General Hospital. The couple built a fine home at 10941 McGrath Road North in Rosedale. The house is still in good repair and is in a lovely garden setting. Mr. and Mrs. Hill enjoyed entertaining and friends recall many afternoon teas in the fine home and gardens.



*Mr. David Hill and his niece, Miss Mary Hill.*

Mr. and Mrs. Hill were members of Chilliwack Golf and Country Club, and of a Shakespeare Club which functioned for some years in Chilliwack.

The Hills owned farm property on both sides of the road and for a number of years, the farm was operated for them by the Cadsand family. Later it was purchased by Mr. Alex Arthur and Mr. and Mrs. Hill moved to Chilliwack. In retirement, they moved to Victoria, B.C. where they lived until their deaths. The road north of Camp River is shown on many maps as Hill Road.

Mrs. Hill died in 1968 followed by her husband in 1969.

## THE J.R. HILL FAMILY

by Roy Hill

John Russell Hill, best known as "J.R." or "Jack" Hill came to British Columbia from Prince Edward Island in the early years of this century. He obtained work on the ships and docks of Vancouver.

Jack Hill met and married Laura McLeod, daughter of John and Margaret (Stevenson) McLeod and the young couple purchased the farm at the southeast corner of Castleman and McLeod Roads. This was the home where Laura was born and is now 49750 Castleman Road. The couple had a family of three sons, John, Lawrence and Roy, and two daughters, Joyce and Helen.

A fine herd of purebred Jersey cattle was developed and many top awards were won at the Chilliwack Fall Fair. The boys were active members of the Boys' & Girls' Junior Farmer Clubs. Besides the dairy farm, Jack Hill engaged in the trucking business and for many years hauled milk, at the time when the first covered boxes were required to shade the 10-gallon milk cans.

The empty cans were stacked at the back of the truck and the full cans put next to the cab, and the boys known as swampers would load the full cans through a side opening from the milk stand and then deposit the empties. Besides a regular milk route, the Hill family hauled canning corn and green beans in jute bags.

Jack Jr. married Rosemary Wendall and lives in Chilliwack. Lawrence "Bud" married Phyllis Pickup and the couple have four sons and two daughters. Lawrence passed away in 1966 and Phyllis in 1970. Roy married Dixie Marby and is employed in Chilliwack. They have four children. Joyce married Raymond Mahood, lives in Chilliwack and has nine children. Helen married Steve Harusik. The couple have four children and reside in Chilliwack. John R. Hill passed away in 1976. Mrs. Laura Hill lives in retirement in Chilliwack.

## THE CHARLES W. HOCKIN FAMILY

by Marie (Hockin) Nixon and Warner Hockin

Charles W. Hockin was born in Guelph, Ontario, in 1883. He came west in 1900 with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas M. Hockin, to farm in Saskatchewan near the town of Filmore. In 1910 he married Florence Loucks who had come from Marmora, Ontario, with her parents in 1908 to the nearby town of Creelman. Later they came to North Vancouver where Charlie worked with his own team of horses cutting and hauling shingle bolts. During World War I he worked in the North Vancouver shipyards. He and his wife had a family of three children, Marie, Henry and Marjorie. In 1918 Mrs. Florence Hockin died, a victim of the influenza epidemic, and was buried on November 11, the date of the Armistice. Charlie was left to care for the children ranging in age from one to six years. Fortunately his mother came to live with them and to help when he moved to Rosedale in 1921. Charlie arrived at the CNR station in Rosedale by boxcar with his household effects, a team of horses and a milk cow, destined for a farm on Chilliwack Central Road. He went from the station to the nearest farm, that

of George Bryant, himself a new settler, to ask directions. The two men became lifelong friends.

Charlie's mother and family arrived later via the B.C. Electric Interurban Railway with the glass-canopied station in Chilliwack. There were difficult times ahead for Charlie and his family, but he held to his pioneer spirit and determination to make the best of it.

His herd of milk cows had to be destroyed because they were victims of the bovine tuberculosis eradication program that took a toll of many Fraser Valley herds. In 1922 Charlie married Erna Lobb, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Lobb of Rosedale. In 1924 they became the parents of twins, Warner and Mildred.

In the years of the Depression, most farming families



June 1922, the wedding of Charles Hockin and Erna Lobb, taken at the Camp River Farm, 50941 Willbourn Road. Front row, l-r: Raye (Lobb) Mercer kneeling, Charles Hockin and his three children: Marie, Marjorie, and Henry behind his dad, Erna (Lobb) Hockin, Elsie (Lobb) Aitken, Gladys (Lobb) Edwards with Elmer Grigg on lap, Una Lobb. Second row: Beth Lobb, Norma (Lobb) Rouse, Mrs. Thomas Hockin, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Lobb Sr., Sister of Mrs. T. Lobb, Warner Lobb, Oliver Grigg, Laurie Lobb. Back row: Albert and Ida (Lobb) Grigg.



Front row: Henry and Marjorie. Back row: Mr. and Mrs. Hockin with twins, Warner and Mildred, and Marie.

had healthy resources of vegetables and fruit, but little money. During the Depression, the Hockins picked fruit which they packed in wooden boxes and shipped from the Rosedale station to the prairie market at Rosetown, Saskatchewan. Because of the cost of the boxes and the freight it was usually not a profitable venture. There was a spirit of real neighbourliness in those days. The loan of a cow for milk until a new herd could be started, the feeding of a friend's cattle when the 1935 ice storm closed all roads are only two examples of this. Music lessons at twenty-five cents per week had to be postponed. Before school buses were introduced the bus fare to high school in Chilliwack was fifty cents per day.

Erna Hockin liked to recall the time on the farm when the twins were small and she left them in the house alone while she went to the outhouse. The farm bull and some cows came around and the bull scraped and pawed the ground and bellowed. She was afraid to go outside, all the while wondering what the children were up to. She spent what seemed like an eternity before the animals left and she "made a run" for the house.

Late in the 1930's Charlie abandoned farming and in the following years spent most of his time in Hope, helping in the garage which his son, Henry, had established. During this time, Erna, with the twins, lived with and aided her aging parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. Lobb. Little did Charles and Erna Hockin ever dream that within 30 years the Trans Canada Highway would be running through their property. The Hockin barn stood on the right of way of the freeway.

Until Charlie's death in 1972, Charlie, Erna, and Mildred lived in a home on Lewis Avenue in Chilliwack where they enjoyed gardening and attending the Advent Christian Church on Reece Avenue.

Marie Hockin, the oldest daughter, was born in Saskatchewan in 1912 and came to Rosedale with the family in 1921. She enjoyed school at Rosedale and Chilliwack High then left the valley to work in Vancouver. After working for several years at Grandview Maternity Hospital, Marie returned to work in Chilliwack. In 1935 she married Harold Nixon, son of Henry Nixon of Rosedale. They made their home in Chilliwack and in their retirement years lived on Gabriola Island, B.C. They had three children:

Marilyne married Donald Routley of Coquitlam. They lived in California and had a family of two. Marilyne is deceased.

Gary married Linda Skogley of Vancouver. They live in Beach Grove, Delta, B.C. and have a family of two.

Gayle married Kelly Burton of Vancouver. They live in Burnaby and have a family of three.

Henry Martyn Hockin was born in Saskatchewan in 1914 and attended Rosedale Elementary and Chilliwack High. In the 1930's he worked where employment was available, including Pacific Coast tug boats and logging. He married Hazel Borgal of Vancouver, in Rosedale in 1940 and they made their home in Hope, B.C. Henry purchased the Fort Hope Garage and operated the business successfully, with a fleet of trucks delivering Imperial Oil products. He was elected an alderman of Hope and served for many years. Henry and Hazel are now both deceased, Henry in 1976, and Hazel in 1983.

Their son, Harold, now lives in Quesnel, B.C. with his wife, Darlene, and family. Their daughter, Donna, with husband R. Elliot and family, lives in Mt. Lehman.

Lillian Marjorie Hockin was born in North Vancouver in 1917. With her sister and brother, Marie and Henry, and the Charles Johnston children, she walked the two miles to the Rosedale School and received diplomas for regular attendance. Later when busing was introduced, Marjorie attended Chilliwack High School. She had ambitions to be a nurse, but circumstances forced early employment and the ambition was not realized. She married Howard Compeau of Chilliwack in 1940. In 1948 with their two children, Robert and Cherrie, they moved to Osoyoos. Successively, the Compeaus operated Howard's Meat Market, a Super Valu market under a partnership arrangement, and a thirteen-acre orchard. Now retired, they live beside Lake Osoyoos and enjoy visits from Chilliwack friends. Son Robert with his wife Sharon and three sons live in Yakima, Washington. Daughter Cherrie married Bill Coombes in 1968. The Coombes lived first in Oliver and now reside in the Chilliwack area with their two children.

Mildred Una Hockin attended Rosedale and Chilliwack High Schools. Upon graduation she worked in Archibald's General Store in Rosedale, then for B.C. Hydro from 1950 until retirement in 1982. She continues to live in Chilliwack.

Warner Elton Hockin, twin to Mildred, left high school in 1942 to join the RCAF. From 1942 he was overseas in Britain and Europe, returning in 1946. In 1947 he married Mary Foster of Vancouver, in Rosedale. They continue to live in Chilliwack and have a family of five:

Lloyd with his wife, Romana, and family of two live in Vancouver.

Gary with his wife, Sharon, and family of two live in Prince George.

Lorraine with her husband, Dave, and daughter live in Prince George.

Timothy and Kenneth are in Chilliwack.

The friendships of Charles Hockin and George Bryant carried on and Warner and Fred Bryant have been good friends. Upon his return from military service, Warner was picking pears in Bryant's orchard when he fell out of the pear tree and injured his leg. It was while recuperating in Shaugnessy Military Hospital that he met his wife, Mary.

The twins, Warner and Mildred, recall that one of their father's first transactions on the farm was trading cordwood for heifers with a local neighbour. Also, they remember the milk-tester calling and hiring their dad to drive him on his rounds in their first car, a touring model.

## **JOHN B. HOFF AND FAMILY**

*by Fran and Ken Hoff*

John B. Hoff was born in U.S.A. in the state of Minnesota, of Norwegian immigrant parents. Mrs. Hoff (nee Alma Christopherson) was born in North Dakota, also of parents of Norwegian origin. They moved to Alberta to homestead in 1912, with their first son and a daughter Agnes, who died in an accident at age seven.



*Mrs. Alma Hoff and Mrs. Helen Munro.*

Sons Fran and Ken were born in Rowley, Alberta in 1917 and 1919 respectively. Lawrence married and left the farm to enter the ministry, and later served in Vancouver, Spokane and Seattle.

John B. Hoff arrived in Rosedale in April 1937, with wife Alma and sons Francis (Fran) and Kenneth (Ken), from Rowley, Alberta. An older son, Lawrence, remained in Prince Albert, Saskatchewan, with his family. John Hoff rented, and later purchased, a forty-acre farm at 9379 McElwee Road, from Mr. Hallman.

The farm was of low land, but with much underbrush and not too much tillable area. The adjustment from prairie farming to dairying was not too easy, but was helped by friendly neighbours, and was enlivened by such memorable events as: visits by cougar and black bears, a house burning, and a hasty rebuilding "bee". Ken and Fran were quickly accepted in the social life of Rosedale. In their memory, one highlight was participation in an operetta under the direction and guidance of Mr. and Mrs. Percy Bartindale, using only local talent in a cast of forty or more. Practice sessions were held weekly during the winter season, and the production was staged in the spring in the Rosedale Community Hall to the great enjoyment of the cast and the audience. Another activity of interest was a baseball team in the "Twilight League" sponsored by Ben McGrath.

In 1938 Ken left the community for employment at St. George's Indian School at Lytton. He left Lytton to join the armed forces in 1939.

John B. Hoff died in 1940. Fran and his mother continued to operate the farm until 1946, when it was sold. Mrs. Hoff lived in Chilliwack until her death in 1957.

Fran Hoff married Helena Penner in 1947, living for three years in Kelowna and then in Chilliwack in the employ of School District No. 33 until retirement in 1982. They raised two sons, Jeffrey and Christopher. They continue to live in Chilliwack.

Ken Hoff married Amy Ryder of Rosedale in 1942.

He attended the Vancouver School of Art from September 1943-June 1945, then lived and worked as a free-lance artist in Toronto, Montreal and London,



*Ken and Fran Hoff.*

England. In 1984, Ken and Amy returned to Chilliwack, where they now reside.

## THE HOLCROFTS

It is known that Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Holcroft lived on Old Yale Road. Thomas Holcroft was a steam engineer at the McNair and Graham sawmill in the early 1920's. Included in the family were daughters, Nora and Ellen.

The Chilliwack Progress of January 1924 reports that the older members of the St. Peter's Church Sunday School met for a party at the home of Miss Nora Holcroft. The guests included Margaret, Dorothy, Jim and Sydney Railton, Bessie Avery, Mabel Karr, Jack and Bill Scott, and Ellen Holcroft and also Mrs. H. Brush and Mrs. T. Holcroft.

Miss Honora Holcroft married Leonard Anderson and this couple have a son, Donald and daughters, Marie and Lorraine. These people still visit Rosedale friends.

*Nora and Ellen Holcroft in the Herbert Brush Park, 1925.*



## WILLIAM AND SAM HOLT FAMILIES

*as told to F.H. Bryant by Bill Holt of Sundre, Alta.*

Three generations of Holts homesteaded and lived in the East Chilliwack and Rosedale area in the late 1800's and early years of this century.

William Holt homesteaded the quarter section on the southwest corner of Chilliwack Central and Ford Roads (exact dates unknown).

The homestead was obtained for a 10 dollar fee and a requirement to live on the land and clear some ground for crop purposes. William and his wife Sophie (Vincent) had lived in Manitoba. They had two children born in Manitoba. Sam and Mary who were about eight and six years old respectively, when they came to Rosedale following Sophie Holt's death at age twenty-eight.



*Mr. William Holt with granddaughter, Vietta (Maguire)Whyte.*

In 1913 Sam Holt took a homestead for himself on the West side of what is now Nixon Road, just to the north of the Nixon quarter section. This was hilly mountainside with a lush valley floor where sheep were raised.

Following World War II this property was sold to Tom Brown, a war veteran returning home from active service.

Sam Holt married Mary Jane Dool from Lions Head, Ontario and two sons were born, Calvin 1906 and William 1908 (the narrator of this story), at home at 51108 Chilliwack Central Road. Sam Holt was well-known as a horse and cattle dealer and he bought and broke many of the horses used in logging and land



*Mr. Sam Holt and a relation of Mrs. Archie Thompson's.*

clearing.

In about 1910, David Nevin Sr. owned 80 acres facing on the south side of Nevin Road. A subdivision was made and the northerly 40 acres with buildings was bought by Henry Stade, the southerly 40 acres was purchased by Sam Holt. A new road was built by the Holts running south from Nevin to the Holt property. It was known as Holt Road for some twenty years. Then the road was extended further south to join up with McElwee Road. It later became known as McElwee Rd. much to the disappointment of the Holt family. A small house was built with a shake roof. Later, when the big Thompson house was built, the older W.J. Thompson house was



*The family home built by Sam Holt.*

skidded across the fields for the Holt family.

There have been several references made to the fine neighbours that the Holts were. When Mrs. Ruth Bryant came to Nevin Road as a war bride in 1919, it was Mary

Jane Holt who walked down the stream bank to help Mrs. Bryant learn how to do with the primitive things that were the lot of all pioneer women.

William Holt Senior owned the property at the corner of Ford and SACHE Streets and a very fine home stood there for many years. Mary Jane lived there for a number of years - also in the 1930's.

Mary Holt married Robert MaGuire and they had one daughter, Vietta (Mrs. William Whyte).

As Rosedale became more settled, the Holts relocated to Olds, Alberta in the late 1920's, and later moved to Sundre, Alta., where William still resides.

William Holt married May Walker in 1928 and settled in Sundre. Eight children were born of this union and son William Jr. lives in Sundre. Mrs. May Holt passed away in 1984.

In June of 1986, Bill Holt met Fred Bryant at the door of his cabin hidden in the trees and up a long driveway. He was still very much a cattleman and horse man and enjoyed spinning yarns about olden days in Rosedale. Bill Holt told of trapping muskrats, coon and mink and one winter averaging \$6.00 a piece for over 700 pelts, and now Pete Close was Justice of the Peace and issued hunting licences. One day while Pete was hunting on the Holt farm with young Bill, Pete shot a hen pheasant. This act was against the law. He gave the bird to Bill to take home for supper and told him that he would hear nothing about it.

Bill recalled working with Noble Ryder who was then Municipal Councillor. Their task was to pull stumps and haul gravel to build the road to join up with McElwee Road. Ryder owned the 80 acres south of the Holt place at the time.

Bill recalled having the contract to pick up milk with team and wagon along Nevin Road and Chilliwack Central to take to a large stand at the corner of Gibson and Chilliwack Central, where it was taken by truck to the Chilliwack Creamery.

Bill Holt spoke of knowing Duncan Munro who lived at the intersection of Nevin and Yale Roads on a small farm. He worked as a CNR section hand. He spoke also of knowing Dan and Alan Kirkbright of Nixon Hill Road who were bachelor brothers who owned a sheep ranch and drank cider vinegar straight from the jug.

## MR. AND MRS. WALLACE P. HOPCRAFT

*by F. Bryant*

Wallace Hopcraft 1842-1932, and his wife Sarah (Hemming) Hopcraft 1844-1925, came to Rosedale in 1910 from the Maritimes, both being natives of England.

Hopcraft was a carpenter by trade and lived first on a small farm at 51648 Old Yale Rd.

Following the death of his wife in 1925, he moved to retirement at 51409 Yale Road in the village.

Those that remember Wallace Hopcraft recall that he was an avid student of the Bible and a very thorough teacher who made his point. He was a respected teacher

of the adult Bible class for a number of years and one student recalls that he used a large parchment type Bible that he carried to and from class. He kept a good garden and had lovely roses.



*Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Hopcraft.*

A stepdaughter of Mr. Hopcraft, Miss Emily Hemming, lived with her mother and was the teacher of the primary grades at Rosedale School while it was a two-room school at the corner of McGrath and Yale Roads. Miss Nell Bradley was the principal and senior teacher.

Emily Hemming married Jack Ross who was an employee at the Glanville Blacksmith Shop. The couple later moved to Vancouver Island and had one daughter.

Wallace Hopcraft passed away in 1932, at 90 years of age and, both he and Mrs. Sarah Hopcraft are buried in I.O.O.F. Cemetery in Chilliwack, B.C.

## THE GEORGE HOPE AND STAN DEASTY FAMILIES

*by Mrs. Stan Deasty and William "Bill" Hope*

In 1924 George and Alice (Heard) Hope accompanied by Mrs. Hope's two sons by a previous marriage, George E. Deasty born 1908, and Stanley A. Deasty born 1910 and young son William Hope, born 1923, came from London, England to reside in Agassiz. Living on a farm, George Hope worked on the construction of the first road over Agassiz mountain, now the Lougheed Highway.

The mosquitos were a real plague in those early years.



*Mr. and Mrs. George Hope and Stan Deasty.*



*Wie, Stan and Olive Deasty.*

In 1927 the Hopes purchased a farm in Harrison Mills, living there until 1940, when they sold the farm to the two Deasty sons and retired to live in Rosedale. It was a new house, built by George Bryant on the northeast corner of old Yale and Bustin Rds. The civic address is now 10346 Bustin Rd. Their son William "Bill" Hope, a lad of seventeen accompanied them.

Bill worked in the woods and on farms before serving a year in the Canadian Army, receiving honourable discharge for medical reasons.

Bill married Jeanne Ulliach and the couple have two daughters; Michelle (Mrs. Wayne Wheeler) of Harrison Hot Springs and Anita (Mrs. Ralph Bolan) of Chilliwack. Bill worked in logging for twenty years before retirement and Jeanne Hope established Jeanne Hope Flower Shoppe in Agassiz, which she operated until 1985. Bill passed away June, 1987, and his ashes are buried in his mother's grave.

George Hope is remembered as a very dignified gentleman and it is recalled that he chided local boys for being disrespectful, saying that in England even the boys living in the gutters would stand at attention when a funeral procession went by.

Mrs. Alice Hope was an active member of St. Peter's Anglican Church. George Hope died in 1956 at age 86 years. Mrs. Alice Hope moved to White Rock and passed away in 1963, at age 80 years. Both George and Alice are buried in the Anglican Cemetery, Chilliwack, B.C.

Stan and Lavina Deasty purchased the Wm. Everett poultry farm at 51648 Old Yale Rd., in August 1945 as a going concern. The Everetts had been farming there since 1922 and retired to live on Yale Road. The Deastys were accompanied by their only child a daughter Olive, who

was born in 1924 at Bralorne, B.C. Lavine Deasty was born Lavine Waddell in Princeton, B.C. in 1914 and married Stan Deasty in 1932.

Olive attended Rosedale elementary school and Chilliwack Junior and Senior High Schools graduating in 1953. As a girl she played softball in Rosedale and enjoyed basketball at high school. Following graduation she has followed a business career. Mrs. Lavine Deasty recalls the experiences in the chicken business. Included in the purchase were 1600 laying hens, two cows and all the equipment. Not knowing much about chickens the couple learned the hard way. Purchasing 1,000 to 1,500 day old chicks each spring, they would rear the birds by brooders, and recall the panic when the electric power would go off! When big enough the chicks would be placed in colony houses in the back fields, where they would be reared until ready to lay. Before being moved to the laying pens, the houses would be thoroughly cleaned, whitewashed and peat placed on the floor with straw in the nests. The eggs had to be cleaned by hand, being brushed by fine sand paper on a holder. In the first years the eggs were shipped to the wholesalers, being picked up by Eric Brolin's egg cartage for Vancouver.

It was soon realized that a greater return was possible by grading and candling the eggs, with sales direct to stores and logging camps. Eggs were shipped as far north as Bralorne, B.C. and to Archibald's store in Rosedale. In those days it was fairly simple but with lots of ups and downs, which was in the days before egg quotas, and total confinement as of today.

In 1957, the Deastys went out of the poultry business and Stan took work in the construction of the Rosedale Agassiz bridge. When it was opened in 1958, he worked

as a toll collector. In 1959, he was transferred to the Deas Island Tunnel when it opened and the couple moved to White Rock.

It is remembered that following the very severe winter of 1949-50, that the old Everett house which had been built before the 1894 flood, was torn down and Stan built the new house that is there today, doing much of the construction work himself. Stan Deasty passed away in 1972 and Mrs. Vie Deasty continues to live in White Rock.

## THE HUDDLESTONE FAMILY

*by Warner Huddlestone*

Jim and Susie Huddlestone and two sons Warner and Thad moved to Rosedale from Aldergrove in April, 1922. As the road across Sumas Prairie did not exist at that time, the move by truck was made by way of the Mountain Road to Vedder Crossing and thence to Rosedale.

Their first residence was on the McGrath Road next to the CNR tracks. Their second, was the house owned by Joe Thompson next to the Baseball Park. Both houses are still in use.



*Mr. and Mrs. James Huddlestone on their 60th Wedding anniversary, June 4, 1962.*

Jim Huddlestone was logging foreman for McNair and Graham, for both shingle and lumber mills until the latter closed down. Then, in partnership with Jim Smith, he started a one-machine, shingle mill and combination lumber and tie mill. In 1934 Jim Huddlestone bought out Jim Smith's interest and moved the mill and household to Columbia Valley at the south end of Cultus Lake.

In the meantime, Warner left home in September, 1926 after high school graduation to become an Industrial Arts teacher. Thad worked for his father in the shingle mill

and while in Columbia Valley married and lived there. In July, 1933, Warner worked in the shingle mill in Rosedale upon returning from teaching at the Indian School at Lytton.

The shingle mill and household were moved from Cultus Lake to Hatzic Prairie in 1935. The mill was sold in December, 1936. In January, 1937 Warner began teaching again in Surrey.

Jim Huddlestone took over the Standard Oil agency in Mission and district, and Thad drove an oil truck for him until the business was sold.

Both Jim Huddlestone and Thad had lumbering interests in the Rock Creek area. From there Thad moved to Williams Lake where he eventually retired and now resides.

Jim Huddlestone built two houses in Rosedale on Yale Road West, next to the Cherry Grove Motel, and moved there in 1949. Jim and Susie moved back to Mission City where both passed away, Susie in January, 1963 and Jim in October, 1964.

Warner retired from teaching in 1972, in Nanaimo, where he still resides.

## THOMAS HUGHES

*by F.H. Bryant*

The parents of W.D. Hughes came to Rosedale in 1917 and operated a small farm of about 12 acres just south of the CNR Station and bounded by Ford and Nevin and McGrath Roads. The house was on the corner of McGrath and Nevin Rds.

Until piped water came to the area in 1934, the water from the creek was used for the house, stock and to cool the milk.

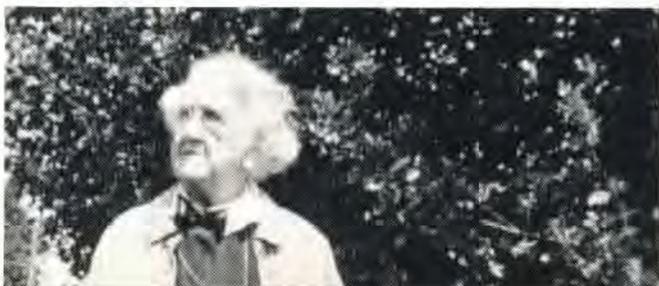
Mrs. Flora Hughes passed away in 1936, and Thomas Hughes a few years before. Both are buried in IOOF Cemetery just beside the road on the east side of the cemetery. They were both in their nineties.

Mrs. Edith Hughes' parents also resided at 9675 McGrath Rd. They were Nathaniel and Susan Kern. Mr. Kern was a retired steel worker, born in Hamilton, Ontario in 1845. At Rosedale he operated a small farm, from 1917 until his death in 1927.

Mrs. Susan Kern, 1845-1945, was an avid gardener and organized a garden club for boys and girls, giving prizes for the best gardens and helping with advice and inspections. Fred Bryant credits much of his love of gardening to Mrs. Kern.

Mrs. Kern was an active member of the Women's Missionary Society of the United Church. Along with Mrs. Maxwell Stevenson they organized a Mission Band for boys and girls in grades one to three, and meetings were held each week in the church parlour after school.

*Below: Mrs. Susan Kern.*



## W.D. HUGHES AND FAMILIES

*by Muriel (Hughes) Clark*

William Duncan Hughes, 1885-1956, and his wife Edith Kern Hughes, and daughter, Evelyn came to Rosedale about 1917 via CNR from Boston Bar, B.C. to be the resident Railway Station Agent. Hughes succeeded the first agent R.C. "Dick" Simpson who came on one of the first trains from Plumass, Manitoba. After about one year Simpson transferred to the Fort Langley, B.C. Station and was succeeded in Rosedale by W.D. "Bill" Hughes.



*Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Hughes.*

Bill and Ede Hughes were very active members of the young village. Both were active in the Union Church until the formal organization of the United Church in 1925. Bill Hughes was active in the construction of the Rosedale Community Hall, serving as President of the Athletic Club in 1927-28, and again from 1930 to 1934.

Mr. Hughes was active in the Rosedale Orange Lodge which was the only Fraternal Lodge to be organized in the Rosedale area.

Two incidents of a social nature are recalled. One Halloween, Mr. and Mrs. Hughes dressed up as ghosts and led a torch light costume parade through the village using CNR flares to light the way. On another occasion we recall seeing Mrs. Hughes pulling the children's wagon with vegetables and pumpkins to decorate the church for Thanksgiving.

Mr. Hughes was a Charter Member of the Cultus Lake Parks Board, and served until he was transferred by the CNR to Fort Langley. They were one of the first families to camp there - in a tent. The change in times and more vehicular traffic saw a decline in CNR freight and passenger service and a resident agent was withdrawn from the Rosedale station in 1934.

Evelyn Hughes, who was the first white child to be born in Boston Bar while her father was station agent there, attended Rosedale Elementary School and was active in the Sunday School and Canadian Girls in Training (C.G.I.T.) Evelyn married George Morris and lived at Trail, B.C. until her death circa 1982. There were no children.

Muriel Hughes, who was born at the CNR Station, started elementary school in Rosedale, leaving when her

parents moved to New Westminster in 1934. Muriel married Fred Clark and lived for some years at Silverton, B.C. Fred and Muriel have two daughters, Susan and Ross McKay of Kamloops who have three children, Julie and Finlay Morrison and their three boys of Vancouver, and son Steven and his wife Linda of North Vancouver, B.C.

Muriel passed away in 1987. Her ashes are interred in the family plot in IOOF Cemetery Chilliwack, B.C.

In 1988 Mrs. Ede Hughes is a resident of Extended Care Hospital in Trail, B.C.

## HARRY HULL AND FAMILY

*information from Ella (Hull) Read*

The Harry Hull family came to Rosedale first as campers. They camped in a tent beside the Fraser River for a few weeks while Mr. Hull was temporarily employed as a relief engineer on the provincially-operated Rosedale-Agassiz ferry, *the Sea Wolf*.

Harry Hull was born in Durham County, England, in 1891. He served in the RAF in the war of 1914-18, and coming to B.C. after the war he worked in the Fred Deeley Cycle shop in Vancouver. After having earned qualification as a marine engineer he worked for the B.C. Government on coastal boats inspecting boilers. He married Edra M. Greer who was born in Mt. Lehman, and at the time of their marriage in 1916 was an operator for B.C. Telephones in Coquitlam.



*Harry and Edra Hull, 1942.*

In 1923, Mr. Hull was posted to permanent employment on the ferry and the family came to stay, renting the Walter McGrath home at 51691 Ferry Road. This excellent home had been built in 1916 for Walter McGrath.

In 1929 the home was destroyed by fire and the family lived for a short period at 50964 Camp River Road, previously occupied by the C.E. Railton family, and later in the Sam Harding home on Camp River Road. About 1931, Mr. Hull's employment on the ferry was interrupted coincident with a change of government, and the family moved to Chilliwack, where Mr. Hull operated the Specialty Garage on Yale East. In this period he was one of a group of local flying enthusiasts who were instrumental in the opening of the first Chilliwack airport on the Chadsey farm in 1931.

Later in the 1930's, Harry Hull returned to employment on the ferry under the management of J.T. Henley, continuing to live in Chilliwack. He died suddenly in 1944.

During their period of residence in Rosedale, Harry and Edra Hull were active in community affairs, including Parent Teachers Association, Rosedale Athletic Club, and Rosedale United Church. They played badminton in the Camp Slough Community Hall, and Edra was a member of Upper Camp River Womens' Institute. Harry was an early radio enthusiast in the days of vacuum tubes and battery power. He constructed the equipment largely by his own efforts, and shared the hobby with ferry captain, Duke Patterson.

Daughter Ella, born 1919, attended Rosedale Elementary school, and Chilliwack High School after the move to Chilliwack. In 1943 she married Larry Read who was



*Ella, Ken and Roy Hull.*

then at the Forces Base at Vedder. They continue to live in Chilliwack and have raised a family of three, one of whom is in Chilliwack.

Son Roy, born 1921, also attended Rosedale and Chilliwack High schools. He joined the RCAF, married in St. Thomas, Ontario, and after active service settled in Aylmer. He died in 1976 leaving his wife and three sons in Ontario.

## **ROY S. HULL**

A former Chilliwack resident Roy S. Hull died January 7 in Aylmer, Ontario.

Mr. Hull was born and raised in the Chilliwack area. He joined the Royal Canadian Air Force and after his retirement from active service settled in Aylmer. He was 54 years old.

Mr. Hull is survived by his wife, Jeanetta; three sons, Robert, John and Bill; one brother, Kenneth, of Portage la Prairie, Manitoba; one sister, Ella Read of Chilliwack.

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## **ARTHUR HUTCHINSON**

*by F. Bryant*

Mr. Arthur Hutchinson, with his elderly mother, Mrs. Vance, resided at 51584 Old Yale Road for several years during the Second World War. Art Hutchinson had been transferred here by the Westminster Canning Company of New Westminster. He was on the staff of the Chilliwack plant. His expertise as a First Aid attendant with a Saint John's Ambulance certificate was utilised. He organized and trained the Rosedale Air Raid Precautions' team following Pearl Harbour.

Among the members of the group that met weekly at the United Church Annex for practice were: Mrs. Helen Munro, Mrs. Hazel Keller, Anne Cartmell, Tom Brown, John Clegg, Fred Bryant and Gordon Karr. Mrs. Laurie Anderson, R.N., assisted. A wooden stretcher was built and blankets were issued by the A.R.P. provincially. When a mock air raid was staged at the High School grounds on a Sunday afternoon, the Rosedale team went in with a truck serving as an ambulance, driven by Bill McGrath. The Rosedale team tied for first place in getting our make-believe victim to the hospital in the shortest possible time. However, the stretchers used were too long to go into the elevator and get the doors closed. The next morning all the stretchers had one inch cut off the ends of the handles.

## **THE GEORGE IANSON FAMILY**

*by Alf Ianson*

George and Sally Ianson came to Rosedale 1939-40 to live in the C.N.R. Station when George was a section hand with the railway. They were accompanied by three



*George and Sally Ianson.*

sons and one daughter. Alfred, Ronald, Arthur and Velma. A second daughter Florence was born at Rosedale. George and Sally had some caretaker duties and assisted with the arrival and departure of freight and passengers on the way-freight trains in the absence of a station agent.

All the children attended Rosedale Elementary School and the United Church Sunday School. In 1951 Alfred attended Older Boys Parliament, meeting as a Regional Parliament in Vancouver. The boys took part in ball games and on one occasion played basketball in the Community Hall "without permission".

The boys did chores and helped at Rosebrook Farms of the Bryants and went with the cattle exhibits to the Fairs. After leaving high school the boys followed Les Bryant to the Aspen Grove-Merritt area where they worked in the logging and milling industry.

In 1959, George and Sally Ianson moved to Vancouver. George passed away in 1984, and Sally continues to live in Vancouver. Ron, who married, had one son, Alan living in Vancouver. He passed away in 1974. Art was married and had one son Leonard, who is presently living at the coast. Florence married Rankin Boyd and lives in Vancouver. Velma, now Mrs. Leveseur, lives in Vancouver. Alfred married Eva Nicklin of Merritt, a sister of Mrs. L.J. Bryant, and make their home in Merritt. Their family is son Robert (Bob) who lives in Surrey with wife Joan and two daughters. Daughter Cathy lives in Powell River and has two sons. Daughters Barbara and Linda are both married and live in Merritt. Barbara has a daughter and Linda a son.

Alfred is employed with Weyerheuser Canada Ltd. as a millwright. He spoke of the good years of growing up in Rosedale and how pleased they were to be able to attend the 1985 Homecoming where they met many old friends.



*Alfred and Eva Ianson at the Homecoming, 1985.*

## **DAN JANICKI FAMILY - 1922-1945**

*by George Janicki*

After Dorofy Janicki changed section in his capacity as CNR section foreman, the family (Lillie Janicki and three sons, George - age 7, Mike - age 6, and Fred - age 4) arrived in Rosedale from North Bend February 6, 1922. I remember that the weather was cold - below zero. After an early arrival by passenger train, we went to the home of Wm. Spender on the corner of McGrath Road and 1st Ave. Later we spent a few days at the home of Mrs. Munro, Sr., near Hope Slough on McGrath Road before our furniture arrived. We first settled on the same street and block where Rosedale Machine Shop was located. From here we moved, in the early thirties, to Ford Road and 2nd Ave. (now Sache St.). We also owned the property where the Provincial Works Maintenance yard is now situated.



*Mr. and Mrs. Janicki and their boys, 1938.*

Although my father, as a section foreman at Cheam View, earned \$4.70 per day, we also laboured at home. We had up to six cows and shipped milk. As field pasture

was not in abundance, our cattle were supervised in pasturing a few hours per day on the roadside. We had a large garden from which our mother would often donate produce.

All was not work, as we boys were involved in sports with the Athletic Club - playing basketball in winter and baseball in the summer. We were also involved with St. Peters Anglican and Emmanuel Pentecostal Holiness churches.

Our father and mother moved to Kamloops in 1945. Our father died in a railway accident in Kamloops on Sept. 8, 1946. Our mother passed away in a Kamloops nursing home on Nov. 19, 1976.

We were five boys in the family. Harry and Victor were born in Rosedale, brought into this world by a midwife, Mrs. Martin. I, George started work on the CNR in 1932 with my father and continued with CNR - but moving to Kamloops area - until retirement. Mike served in the army, later he was employed with McMillan and Bloedel on Vancouver Island as a welder until retirement, Fred was a logger in the Chilliwack area, later he took up carpentry. He built Solange Apartments in Chilliwack, situated on the corner of Williams Street and Yale. Harry served in the navy, later he worked as a CNR telegraph operator. He passed away on Jan. 1, 1953 in Shaughnessy Hospital after an illness with leukemia. Victor served a short time in the army, later he operated retail stores, and then became a realtor. He lives in Chilliwack where he is well known for his community involvement.

*Human Interest* - When I started to work on the section with my father in 1932, wages were 25¢ per hour. I remember getting my first two days of work. At the close of the first day, my father told me that my labour wasn't worth 10¢ per day.

In the thirties, my mother was an ardent donor to the Community Chest in Vancouver. One time she sent them a crate of live geese, ducks and chickens. The recipient at the other end was not as appreciative as she expected. He wrote back to say that he wished they had been killed, plucked, and dressed.



*l-r: Tom Mercer, Mike and George Janicki, 1938.*

## THE HENRY JESPERSON FAMILY

*information by Ethel Stevenson*

Henry and Andrea Jespersen emigrated to Canada from Bornholm, Denmark, in 1884 and purchased 240 acres on Camp River Road on the north side at what was later to become Jespersen Rd.

Eight children were born to this union; 5 sons and 3 daughters. The daughters were Florence (Fanny - Mrs. Davis), Frances and Mary. The sons were Harry, Arthur, Fred, Charlie and Peter Anthony (Tony).

The beautiful stone quarried house was built about 1918 and with its beautiful lawns and gardens was to be a show place and scene of many fine social gatherings for over half a century.

Following the retirement of Mr. and Mrs. Jespersen senior, the farm was carried on by Fred, Tony, Mary and Frances.

The Jespersen brothers were industrious and forward thinking farmers and were involved in many projects for the improvement of agriculture. Tony Jespersen was a member of the Township of Chilliwack Council from 1949-1961 and took a particular interest in the dyking systems of the District. A swimming pool in Camp River was developed by Tony Jespersen for the children and was used for many years.

Francis was a musician of note and played in Hotel Vancouver on numerous occasions and was a well-known and highly respected piano teacher.

Miss Mary Jespersen was an avid gardener and the lawns and flowers were a special interest to all. Peafowl were raised and allowed the free run of the farm and the males with their beautiful long tails were a popular feature to all who visited.

Only two members of this generation married; Florence is Mrs. Davis and Arthur, who was in business in Chilliwack.

The grand old home is on the list of Heritage buildings in the Chilliwack area. The farm has now changed hands and the Salvation Army was the beneficiary of the Jespersen Estate.



*Jespersen House, built in 1912.*

## THE CHARLES JOHNSTON FAMILY

by Robert "Bob" Johnston

R.C. "Charlie" Johnston arrived in the Chilliwack area in 1904 with his parents, three brothers and three sisters. In 1909 a Mr. Malcolm, who owned 80 acres on the northwest corner of the Ford and Chilliwack Central roads, sold Charlie 70 acres, and the other 10 acres to someone else, believed to be Ed Gamble. He was living there when I, "Bob", was born in 1915. The 10 acres were later owned by Adolph Peterson.



*Charlie and Helen Johnston about 1914.*

In 1914 Dad married Helen Annis, one of the daughters of a pioneer family living on the north end of the road named after them in East Chilliwack. Ed Gamble entertained my young mother when I arrived, with true Irish wit, with many suggestions on how to look after the baby; such as putting it in the oven to dry it out. He later moved farther down the Valley and became a well-known sheep breeder.

The oldest part of the barn sat on large cedar stumps and logs. The beams were hand hewn. Some are still supporting a local home. Later an addition was added to hold 25 milk cows in stantions. A far cry from the modern dairy located on the property now owned by Peter Vanderveen and Son.

When I was about five years of age, Lawrence Alsager lived across the road. He and I were playing together and started to chop down a plum tree with a hatchet. The tree was too big, an argument developed and I received a glancing blow from the hatchet held by Lawrence. I still carry a scar over my eye as a reminder that boys will be boys.

The Charlie Hockin family was the next to live across the road.

Several years after I was born, Edna arrived, then Les

and later Alex.

We, generally, were a healthy family, but we had our mishaps. Dad cut part of a thumb off tripping the litter carrier, and mother scalded an arm while canning fruit by the open-kettle method.

Much of the farm had been cleared, but I remember several piles of large stumps and logs which had been piled with a donkey engine. These took years to break up and burn.

In the early days, mail was delivered by Harvey Woodward in a horse-drawn covered van. He also sold stamps, mailed and delivered parcels, and sometimes would do a little shopping in town for someone unable to get out.

Dad's first car, a "490" Chevrolet, was bought with the proceeds from the sale of one litter of pigs. Probably the first modern convenience in the house was the wall mounted crank telephone. Two long and two short rings on the party line was our call. How we kids enjoyed making calls and listening in on the calls of our neighbors!

A gasoline engine powered the De Laval milking machine. When a water main for Chilliwack went by, we got running water and a water-powered washing machine. Eventually, Hydro strung lines to our place and we had no further use for our gasoline engine.

We attended St. Peter's Anglican Church. Dad was Parson's Warden for many years and mother was a Past President of the W.A., and was made a Life Member. She also belonged to the I.O.D.E. and Ruth Rebekah Lodge for 68 years, and had the 60 Year Jewel. Dad helped build the Community Hall and took an interest in the Athletic Club, especially the dances, which he helped organize. He was also Secretary of the Cow Testing Association, and belonged to the Oddfellows Lodge.

While I was away with the RCAF, Les married Clara Saunders, and together they operated the farm. Meanwhile, our parents moved to Vancouver where dad got a job as an inspector in a Boeings' factory. Later, when Les joined the army, mother and dad moved back to the farm.

Edna married Bob Freeman and after several ventures, they ended up with Lakeside Resort on Lake Tuc el Nuit at Oliver, B.C., where they later retired. They have three daughters, one son and five grandchildren.

Alex also joined the army, although underage. After his discharge he worked for a time at logging, then married Nora Mishofski of Rosthern, Saskatchewan. They sold insurance and real estate, and in the process, bought and sold two hotels. They are now retired in Summerland.

After the war, Les and Clara worked in the Bulkley Valley, then bought a farm there. Les worked for the Forestry Department at Mackenzie and Prince George until retirement. They now live in Sicamous. They have two daughters, three sons, 10 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.

In 1952 I married Doris Buckley of Maidstone, Saskatchewan, and in 1956 we bought a farm near Fort St. John, where we still reside in partial retirement. We have one son, one daughter and five grandchildren.

Ten years after Bob Freeman passed away, Edna

married Sid Richards, a widower, of Oliver, where they still live.

Dad passed away in 1954, mother in 1969, both in Chilliwack.



*Bob, Mrs. Helen Johnston, Edna and Alex Johnston.*

## **ROBERT AND ALICE (SCALES) JOHNSTON FAMILY**

*by Merva Dickout*

Robert Johnston came to Rosedale in 1919 and purchased 40 acres of farmland on Castleman Road. In 1920 he moved the family, wife Alice, and four sons, Joseph, Willard, Lorne and Thomas to a house in Rosedale. After a few years he built a home at the Castleman Road location.

Until the farm became productive Robert worked at the Graham, McNair lumber mill. By this time the family



*Mrs. Alice Johnston with daughters, Lila and Merva.*

had grown by one more boy, Roy, and two girls, Merva and Lila. All seven children attended Rosedale Elementary School.

Neighbours at that time were: the Gregorys, Cornishs, Pooles, Urquharts, Coopers, Aitkins and Logans.

In the late 20's the Urquharts moved back to Scotland in order for Mr. Urquhart to accept a title and legacy left by his family. He was a sportsman and owner of fine Airedale dogs.

The Johnston family was interested in community activities and the older members of the family helped in the construction of the present Community Hall and later took part in basketball, gymnastics and dances.

Willard played many baseball games at the Rosedale Park in the late twenties and early thirties and the younger boys were active in baseball and soccer.

As the family grew they left the farm for other jobs: Joe worked as a logger, Willard as a food processor in (Frozen Food plants), Lorne apprenticed as a butcher, Tom was a mechanic, and Roy (Buck) worked in a plywood factory.

Willard, Tom and Buck served in the Air Force during WWII. Lorne, Merva and Lila worked in the shipyards. The two girls later worked as clerks in local businesses.

## **THE NICHOLAS ROY JOHNSTON FAMILY**

*by Donna Jean (Johnston) Holgate*

Nicholas Roy Johnston married Florence Rogers, a daughter of A.M. Rogers, in Kindersly, Saskatchewan, in 1927. As a result of the depression they were forced out of their store and farming business, and moved to 10525 McGrath Road North, in 1930.



*Mr. and Mrs. Roy Johnston.*

Roy obtained work with McNair and Graham Logging on the north end of Harrison Lake as a kitchen helper, responsible for supplies. Later, in 1935, in order to be



*Lyle and Laurie Johnston, Army and Airforce cadets.*

closer to home, he went to work with the Public Works crew under Howard Darling. He continued working there until his retirement in March, 1958. He passed away six months later and is buried in the 100f Cemetery.

Roy and Florence had two sons, Lyle and Lawrence Glen (Laurie), and one daughter Donna.

Lyle was born in Springwater, Saskatchewan, in 1928 and came to Rosedale with his parents in 1930. He was educated in Rosedale Elementary School and Chilliwack High School. Lyle left home in 1946 to work on Vancouver Island, then in Vancouver at Weston Bakeries. In 1952 he went to work in the library at the Army Camp in Vedder Crossing. In 1954 he moved to Kamloops, where he met and married Joan Noble. He spent 28 years working as a nurse in the Tranquille Hospital until its closure. In February, 1985, Lyle was transferred to a hospital in Victoria, where he presently resides.

Lyle and Joan Johnston had four children, all born in Kamloops: John Roy, Rona Mae, Karl Lyle, and Kathy.

Laurie was born in 1931 in Chilliwack. He lived all his growing up years in Rosedale, going to Rosedale Elementary School, and then to Robertson School in Chilliwack.

He has worked in logging and later became a gravel truck driver.

He met and married Mag Walde on Chilliwack, in 1959. They have four children: Christine, Jennifer, Rick and Wendy, all living in Chilliwack.

Donna was born in 1933 in Chilliwack, and lived with her parents and family at 10525 McGrath Road North. She went to Rosedale Elementary School, and graduated in 1952 from Chilliwack High School.

Here first jobs, while still in school, were as waitress for Sonny Osbourne at the Rosedale Cafe, and at the Playmore Cafe Annis Road. After graduation she worked at the Canadian Bank of Commerce, and as head cashier in the T. Eaton Co. in Chilliwack:

She married Ray Holgate in 1956, and moved to Aldergrove to live for seven years. She and her husband moved to 100 Mile House for two and a half years, then came back to Langley, where they have lived for the last twenty years.

Mr. and Mrs. Holgate have three children: Mike, Ken and Sharon.



*Donna (Johnston) Holgate.*

## THE M.J. "JACK" JONES FAMILY

*by Yvonne (Jones) Hiebert*

Matthew John "Jack" Jones emigrated from England in the spring of 1929. He served as a police officer with the Monmouthshire Constabulary prior to coming to



*Mr. and Mrs. Jack Jones.*

Canada. Upon arriving in Rosedale, he stayed at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G.H. Bryant on Nevin Road, and was employed on the Bryant farm. During this period Jack augmented his income by working as a fireguard watchman on the CN Railway. This job involved using a hand-pumped speeder to patrol the tracks from Rosedale to Cheam View. It was a seven-days-a-week job in the fire season.

In 1930 he rented the 80 acre parcel at the northeast corner of Ford and Chilliwack Central Roads (now 51211 Chilliwack Central Road) from James Ford. Mr. Ford, a bachelor, continued to live for some years, in a small cabin on the property. The farm was nearly covered with timber, as a result farming was minimal. The house and barn on the property were of log construction. Jack was joined by his wife May, daughter Barbara, and son Donald in June of 1930. They travelled via ocean liner from Southampton to Quebec City and from Quebec to Rosedale by train. Jack met them at the Rosedale Station with a horse and buggy and, from there, it was a short trip to their new home in Canada.

In 1933 the family purchased a farm at 48987 Chilliwack Central Road. Here a second daughter, Yvonne, was born.

The Jones family were active members of St. Peters Anglican Church. Mr. Jones and daughter were also involved in horse showing and local horse activities in the late 40s and early 50s. Jack was a member of the Chilliwack Light Horse Breeders & Riders Association and was instrumental in forming a pony club for the young people of the community. This club was active until 1952. He served for many years on the Executive of the Provincial S.P.C.A. and as President and Inspector for the local branch. Mrs. Jones was active in the East Chilliwack Women's Institute and the Women's Auxiliary to St. Peters, Rosedale.

Barbara married John Gratton. They have two children and live in Montreal. Donald married Joan Palmer. They have three children and live in Chilliwack. Yvonne married Bill Hiebert. They have one child and live in Chilliwack on the property purchased by the Jones family in 1933.

Jack Jones passed away in 1961 at the age of 64. Mrs. Jones later married Jim Poyser and still resides in Chilliwack.

## THE "MIKE" JONES FAMILY

*by the Jones' at Savona*

Michael Edson Jones born in Crookston, Minnesota in 1904, was one of a family of twelve children. When Mike was three years old his parents, James Michael and Elizabeth Anne Jones brought their large family to settle on Reeves Road in the Cheam area of Chilliwack District.

In 1927 Mike married Annie Madelene Dickey of Chilliwack, lived briefly on the Phillipson farm at Little Mountain before buying the Matt Vallance farm at 10714 McGrath road in 1928. The place was outstanding for the large modern hip-roof dairy barn built in (we think) 1929-30 and the big house much later. Mike and the boys always had fine looking teams of horses, usually green-

broke and apt to "perform" at unexpected times. The boys would get each team in fine shape to find that Dad had replaced them with another pair to break. Once in a while they managed to get a team ready for the plowing matches. Earl did very well, winning the Junior cup several years in a row.

The couple had four children: sons Glen in 1927 and Earl "Windy" in 1934. The daughters Mavis in 1929 and Dolcie "Sis" in 1930. The children all attended Rosedale Elementary School. In 1945 "Sis" was May Queen. Mavis died at 11 months of age.

"Sis" married Vernon Warren in 1949, and they have six children and eight grandchildren including a set of twins. "Sis" and Vern now reside in Lillooet where they haul logs.



*l-r: Mike and Annie Jones with children in centre: Dolcie, Glen and Earl.*

In 1952, Mike and the boys established Jones Trucking Company Limited in Savona and hauled logs, later including the logging as well. Annie moved up to join them in 1956 leaving the farm to be cared for by tenants.

Glen and his wife, Margaret raised two children and still live in Savona. They have three grandchildren.

Earl and his wife Vivien operate a log loading business that they call "Windy's Loading". They have three daughters and one grandchild. All still live in Savona.

Annie passed away in May, 1983 and Mike passed away in September 1987. Both are buried in Savona Cemetery.

## THE JORGENSEN FAMILY

*by Evelyn (Jorgenson) Gleig*

Marius Jorgenson was born in Horsens, Denmark in 1894. He served in the First World War with the Canadian Scottish. He met and married Elizabeth Livesy of Manchester, England and emigrated to Canada after his demobilization. He settled in Saskatoon where he operated his own garage and machine shop.

Evelyn and Maurice Jorgenson, daughter and son were born in Saskatoon in 1920 and 1922.

In 1933 the family moved to Chilliwack and then to Rosedale in 1934 where Marius (Jorgy) bought a garage and service station which he operated till 1939.

Whilst in Rosedale, Marius started a Gym Club for

Gymnastics, Boxing and Wrestling. At this time the Gym Club came to the attention of Ian Eisenhower, the Provincial Minister of Recreation and Physical Education, who asked Marius to become the Upper Fraser Valley Supervisor. Eleven centres from Atchelitz to Yale were opened with over 1,200 participants.

Rosedale Athletic Hall became the centre of all Pro-Rec activities. During this time Evelyn and Maurice became involved in all activities and Evelyn went to the Pro-Rec Training Centre in Vancouver and qualified as a Pro-Rec Teacher. She taught in all the upper valley centres.

Evelyn was an ardent gymnast and won the Ladies' Fraser Valley Championship for Gymnastics in 1937. She also played accordion for many of the dances and concerts in the Rosedale area. During the Second World War she became a Physical Education teacher at the Chilliwack Junior High School when the Pro-Rec Association stopped for lack of staff.

Maurice Jorgenson became the Pro-Rec Welterweight Champion of B.C., The Vancouver Open Welterweight boxing Champion and won many more laurels for his boxing ability. Maurice joined the R.C.A.F. in 1940. At the end of his training he was awarded a commission and posted to the Bahamas where he spent several months ferrying Mitchell Bombers to Africa. In 1943 he was posted to India and flew Liberators in the Burma theatre. He was listed missing in 1944 while on a mission.

Marius Jorgenson joined the Canadian Army in 1939 and served as an Ordinance Sergeant-Major with the Heavy Batteries at Esquimalt on Vancouver Island during the War.

Elizabeth Jorgenson, although not in the best of health, gave strong support to the families' activities in the Pro-Rec. Elizabeth passed away in 1946.

After the Second World War ended Marius and his daughter Evelyn promoted and ran gymnastic classes at Rosedale and Sardis until ill health forced Marius to retire. Evelyn married Roy Gleig of Chilliwack in 1941, at Calgary, while he was training for the R.C.A.F. They had three children Robert, Maurice and Brenda. Evelyn and Roy still live in Chilliwack. Marius passed away in 1959 at the age of 65 after a long illness.

## THE DAVID (CARR) KARR FAMILY

*by E.A. "Ted" Karr and Miss Dorothy M. Karr*

The Karr family is truly one of the pioneer families whose members have continued to live in the Rosedale-Popkum area for well over one hundred years.

The founding member of the family in this area was David Karr (Carr) born in Ontario in 1858, and arrived in Rosedale in the mid 1870's. The Rosedale family members have always spelt their name with a "K". Ted recalls as a young boy asking his father why he now had to spell his name with a "K" instead of a "C" and his father saying, "Don't you know that Britain rules the seas, so we have to settle for a "K".

This energetic and ambitious young man settled first on land obtained from another pioneer family, the Hendersons. Indications are that this Karr property was

at the present address of 51710 Old Yale Road.

Some ten years later, David Karr obtained one hundred and sixty acres, at the southeast corner of Yale and McGrath roads, right in the heart of the village of Rosedale that was not yet established.

Karr purchased this parcel from Thomas Hunter Henderson who had obtained it as Lot 436 by Crown Grant in 1886.

Soon after locating here, Karr hired builders by the names of Cyprian Belleque and Xavier Ladereau to construct a post and beam barn 60 feet long by 40 feet wide and 38 feet high. This was likely one of the first of numerous post and beam barns of this type to be erected in the Rosedale area.

It was a specialized trade and one can only surmise from the names that these builders likely learned the trade in Quebec. Now one hundred years later this same barn is very much in the news, as it was dismantled to make room for the B.C. Forestry Complex and later moved to the Lickman road property of the District of Chilliwack for public purposes, but not yet erected.

On December 28th, 1881 when Dave Karr was twenty-three years of age he married Miss Rebecca Flux in New Westminster, B.C. It was three days before the bride's eighteenth birthday.

Rebecca was the daughter of Sapper James and Sarah (Gill) Flux of the Royal Engineers.

This young couple certainly did their part to add to the growth and development of this new frontier community, for their family numbered fourteen children born between 1882 and 1906. The couple had eight sons and six daughters. Eleven of the children lived to adulthood, three dying as children. Death claimed the first born, William James and Mary Jane and Clifford.

The others were sons: Jack, David, George, Alex, Ross and Pat. The girls were Minnie, Maude, Mabel, Margaret and Greta.

David and Rebecca Karr had good reason to be interested in a school for the area, and did something about it, for in 1890 Rosedale's first school was opened at the corner of McGrath and Yale roads on an acre of land donated by David Karr. Twenty-four years later the Karrs also donated four acres of land from the farm where they were then living for the site of the first four-roomed school opened in 1914 and still in use.

In or about 1900 David Karr sold the 160 acre property to James Mercer and he and his family moved to the 50 acre farm, presently 10065 McGrath Road.

Mrs. Rebecca Karr died in 1920 at age fifty-seven years. David Karr died in 1926 at only sixty-eight years of

*The Karr farm on McGrath Road North.*



age. Both are buried in I.O.O.F. Cemetery Chilliwack, B.C.



*l-r: Bill Fisher, ---, Jim, Fred, Wilfred and Maude (Karr) Davis with baby Jim, Alex, Minnie (Karr) Muirhead, Margaret, Rebecca, Jack, David Karr Sr., and Ross Karr. Front: Pat and Greta Karr.*

## THE JOHN KARR FAMILY

*by E.A. "Ted" Karr*

John Karr, second son of David and Rebecca Karr was best known as "Jack". As a young man Jack worked in the sawmills of the area including the E.O. Patterson mills of East Chilliwack and Popkum and later the McNair and Graham Mill on Old Yale Road, Rosedale.

Jack married Effie Fisher of East Chilliwack and the couple lived first in East Chilliwack and later on Church Street in Rosedale and also lived across the road from Rosedale Elementary School.

After the McNair and Graham Mill closed, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Karr moved to Chilliwack where Jack worked for about thirty years in the garage of Frank Edwards on the northeast corner of Yale Rd. and Nowell Street where the Post Office now stands.

Jack and Effie Karr have a son Edward A. "Ted" and daughter Bertha. Both attended Rosedale Elementary School.

E.A. "Ted" Karr married Roberta Ralston and the couple have four children, Dorothy Roberta, Robert John, Deborah Ann and Allan Dale.

In 1988 Ted and Roberta Karr are living in Chilliwack and are retired.

Bertha Karr married Richard "Mickey" Burden in 1936. The couple had five children: Beverley Burden, Rita Burden Williamson, Ronald and John Burden and Marilyn Burden Epp.

Richard Burden died in 1977. In 1986 Mrs. Bertha Burden married Stanley Watson and the couple live in Sardis, B.C.

John "Jack" Karr and his wife Effie Karr both passed away in 1968 and are buried in the I.O.O.F. Cemetery Chilliwack, B.C.

A story told by Ted Karr about the wedding of his

parents tells a great deal about rural life in those early days.

Jack and Dave Karr courted sisters Effie and Jennie Fisher of East Chilliwack. On Jack's wedding day to Effie, the best man was his brother Dave and Effie's bridesmaid was her sister Jennie.

The wedding was in the early afternoon of February 10th, 1910 in the Presbyterian Church at the corner of Chilliwack Central and Upper Prairie roads.

It was during a severe winter storm with heavy frost and heavy snowfall on icy roadways.

The newlyweds planned to go to Vancouver for their honeymoon, via Canadian Pacific Railway from Agassiz.

Leaving the church without a wedding reception, by team and bobsleigh, the best man stood on the sleigh tongue at the front between the horses to guide them and to open any fences, as they cut across the fields towards the river bank to about where the Rosedale Agassiz Bridge is now.

The river was frozen over and the couple were escorted over the ice, only to find a stretch of between twenty and thirty feet of open water in the centre of the stream. The bride and groom were put into a dug-out canoe and with poles and ropes made it safely across. A new team and sleigh was there to take them to the train. Fortunately they arrived on time and the happy couple lived a long and happy life and often shared the experiences of that special day with their children.

## THE DAVID KARR JR. FAMILY

*by Gerald Karr*

David Karr named for his father and the third son of David and Rebecca Karr worked in the Rosedale Popkum area. He married Miss Jennie Fisher, a sister of Effie (Fisher) Karr and the couple have three sons, William "Bill", Fred and Herb and daughter Mabel. At one time this family lived in the Rectory of St. Peter's Church and later in Popkum where the children attended school.

William "Bill" Karr remained a bachelor and died in 1982.

Fred Karr married Bertha Cameron of Popkum and the couple have sons: Gerald, Donald, Harold and daughter Myrna Gunia.

Fred Karr worked as a logger and as a foreman at the Hop Yards, for about fifteen years. Before retirement he was employed at the Fraser Vale Frosted Foods Plant. Fred Karr passed away in 1987.

Herb Karr married Ruth Munro daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stan Munro and the couple live in Vernon, B.C.

Mabel Karr married Alfred Beaulieu of Popkum and the couple have three children sons: Paul and Allan and daughter Lorraine.

Alfred Beaulieu died in 1970 and Mabel Karr Beaulieu died in 1981.

Maude Karr (1889-1952) married Wilfred Davis of Fairfield Island and this couple have two sons Dougal and James.

George Karr (1890-1969) married Mary Braithwaite of Popkum.

Margaret Karr (1897-1974) married Secord Stevenson

of Rosedale who was killed overseas in World War I. She later married Harry Mercer (see Mercer account).

Alexander Karr (1891-1980) married Marguerite Reboul of Agassiz and the couple had two daughters, Gladys (Mrs. A. Howie) and Ada (Mrs. R. Arthurs). This couple lived for some years in the cottage type house built by his father and still standing at 9835 McGrath road. After the mill work ceased Alex farmed for some years at 51839 Old Yale Road.

Minnie Karr (1888-1932) married William "Bill" Muirhead of Rosedale. Minnie died at age forty-four years of age leaving a young family (see Muirhead account).

Rossley "Ross" James Karr (1899-1954) married Margaret Wall of Chilliwack. The couples daughter Dorothy Margaret Karr was born in the Rosedale Hotel in 1924. Ross was a jitney service operator between Rosedale-Hope and Chilliwack. He had many hair raising experiences in the early days of motor travel. He continued as a bus driver after moving to New Westminster in 1926 for several firms that are today the Pacific Coach Lines.

Greta Bernice Karr born in 1903 married William Johnston; following his death, married F.W. McRae. In 1988 Mrs. Greta McRae is the only member of her generation of this pioneer family still living.

Byron Carlyle best known as "Pat" Karr (1906-1980) married Jean Crawford and for some years lived on Munro Street in Rosedale next to the Blacksmith shop. Pat worked in the logging industry and for some years was employed in the Harrison Lake area. Pat and Jean have a son Robert, of Abbotsford, B.C. Later Pat Karr married Olga Hopper, who lives in Abbotsford since her husband's death in 1980.

Mabel (1892-1974) married Ken McGillivray. Ken served overseas in World War I leaving Mabel living in the Muir House at 51270 Muirhead Street, Rosedale. Upon his return the couple moved to Abbotsford, B.C. Mabel and Ken have five children. Sons Douglas, Stewart and Hugh, and daughters Evelyn (deceased) and Noni.

This large pioneer family is still widely represented in many families in Rosedale and surrounding area. They are living testimony to the old saying "You had better not gossip about anyone or you will be talking about a relative."

## GEORGE KARR FAMILY

*by Charles and Thomas Karr*

George Edward Karr (1890-1969) was born in Rosedale, the sixth of fourteen children of David and Rebecca Karr. The family name derived from Carr, the revised spelling being adopted by David Karr and the following generations. George attended the original one-room school, and had no reason to complain of the distance as the school was on a corner of his father's farm, donated in 1889.

He married Mary Elizabeth Braithwaite (1891-1959), daughter of William Braithwaite who was a resident of Rosedale, having come from Indian Head, Saskatchewan, in 1906.

During all of their years in Rosedale, the George Karr family lived at 51008 Yale Road. George worked in the early sawmill enterprises, both in the woods and in the mills. He was employed by the McNair and Graham Mill for most of its period of operation in the region. Following closure of the mill, George was employed with the Provincial road maintenance crew until retirement.

The family consisted of three sons and one daughter, all of whom attended local schools.

Charles, born in 1911, married Verlla Johnston of Chilliwack in 1938. He was in the employ of Aitken Brothers for 14 years as a carpenter and builder, then for 20 years with the Department of Highways. His son Raymond is in Chilliwack and daughter Rosemary in



*Mr. and Mrs. George Karr with children: Gordon, Charlie, Tom and Edythe in front.*

Port Coquitlam. Charlie, now a widower, has lived in Popkum and most recently in Abbotsford.

Gordon, born in 1912, did not marry. He died in 1961 at the age of 49 in Hope, where he is buried.

Thomas, born in 1914, married in 1956 to Helen Evans who was born in Edmonton. Tom worked for the Municipality (later District) of Chilliwack as a driver and machine operator. Now a widower also, he is a resident of Eden Rest Home in Chilliwack.

Edythe, born in 1916, married Earle Bessette of Popkum. Earle worked for some years for the Department of Highways and later in logging operations in the vicinity of Quesnel, and then in the Chilliwack area. Health problems led to an early retirement in Chilliwack, and for his final seven years in Enderby. Both are deceased, Edyth in 1984 and Earle in 1985. They left a family of three: Juanita "Nita" in Quesnel, Robert in Chilliwack, and June in Enderby.

Alan Bustin, son of Sydney and Clara Bustin, born in 1934, was cared for by George and Mary Karr from about the age of two after the death of his father in 1935. He completed high school, and after a spell of truck driving he invested in training as a diesel mechanic in



4th from left: George Karr.

Vancouver. He found ready employment with construction firms where he was a sought-after expert. Now married with three children, he lives in Surrey and manages his own construction firm.

## THE JOHN KEEFER FAMILY

by Marlene (Keefer) Williams

The late John Keefer, great grandfather of Kim, Michael and Stanley Keefer, with Mrs. Emma Pugh Keefer came to 50040 Castleman Road in 1912. They bought the property from Bishop A.U. De Pencier who used to preach in the little Camp Slough Anglican Church. The Castleman Road place was a part of a summer home.

The late John Keefer Sr. and Mrs. Keefer came from the Yukon with their four children, Dorothy, Marjory, Mayo and Stanley, who were all born in the Yukon. Mr. Keefer worked in the Klondyke gold rush of '98.

Mrs. Keefer used to say that when a white baby was born in the Yukon the prospectors and miners were so happy to see a white baby they would come for miles, bringing a sack of flour or a pound of butter as a present for the baby. A sack of flour at that time was worth one hundred dollars and was hard to get at that.

Mr. Keefer often mentioned seeing Soapy Smith, the big crook and swindler and Klondyke Kate, the dance hall girl.

John Keefer and his brother were in Vancouver before the great fire that wiped out half the town before 1900. Keefer Street in Vancouver is named after the Keefer family.

Mrs. Marjory Keefer Adamson now lives in retirement in Kamloops, B.C. She has been a good source of information about those early days on Castleman Road.

Stan Keefer and his wife, Kate "Kitty" Wilson developed the home farm and were active in the Camp River Community. Both are now deceased.

Their eldest child, Marlene, was born following the severe ice storm of January 1935. It was an anxious time for the young couple who were storm stayed for several days. A second daughter, Dorothy Baxter lives in

Trenton, Ontario. Stan and Kitty also have a son John, who married Betty Jansen. This couple have carried on the family farm and have a daughter Kim, and sons, Michael and Stanley. Marlene married Jon Williams (deceased) and they had four children, David, Denise, Christine and Graham.



A race with the stork during the ice storm. Too difficult for horses, so men took over. Top picture: Tom Cooper, Ted Aitken, Jim Hamilton and Mrs. Keefer in the Buggy.

## THE KELLERS

by Art Keller

Ross Keller was born in Croydon, Ontario. He moved with his parents and their family to New Norway near Camrose, Alberta in 1914.

Hazel Goundrey was born in Riverfield, Quebec and moved with her family to Chatan, south of Camrose in 1910. She became a schoolteacher and taught at Silver Creek School, where she met and married Ross Keller.



Mr. and Mrs. Ross Keller with son, Art.

They farmed for several years near New Norway, but adverse conditions forced Ross to seek a living elsewhere. He went to Royal Oak, Michigan where his sister lived and there he managed to find work in the Ford Car Plant at River Rouge, Michigan.

Having made a grubstake, he headed back to Alberta to farm. Later, after again suffering the loss of crops to frost one year, hail another year and frost again, he began looking for any kind of work to support his family. An offer arrived for the position of foreman of the Mechanical Division of the Royal Oak, Michigan, Public Works Department.

In 1929 he returned to the Royal Oak and got the job. My mother and I followed in 1930. We stayed there for three years, then returned to Alberta where Ross purchased a garage in Ohaton. The long cold winters were hard to cope with particularly working under conditions of poor heating and inadequate ventilation. As a result my father suffered carbon monoxide poisoning and had to leave the garage and car repairs.

We had travelled to the west coast several times but dad and mom were most impressed with the Chilliwack area. So, in 1936, we moved to Chilliwack, purchased five acres on Wellington Ave. and built a house there.

After a few years dad's health improved and he went back to auto repair working for Dafoe Motors in Chilliwack. In 1939 he purchased the Shell garage in Rosedale from Jorgensons. Dad built a new building, completing the first phase in 1944 and the final one in 1945.

Over the years spent in Rosedale, Ross and Hazel took part in many community services. Mother was active in

the A.R.P. and first aid during World War II. She was also active in the Women's Institute and the United Church Women's Auxiliary. Both Mom and Dad greatly enjoyed "Merry Makers" and were on the starting executive. Dad was active in the Rosedale Fire Dept.

I greatly enjoyed living and working in Rosedale over the years. I graduated from Chilliwack High School and spent two years in the Canadian Navy during the war, all of that time spent in Eastern Canada. I enjoyed being a part of the Cub movement and seeing these young people grow to adulthood.

I returned from the Navy in December 1945, and started work with my Dad. I married Ruth Elizabeth Lewis in 1947. We have three children - Norman, Maralynn and Glenda.

Dad passed away in January 1955 and mother in June, 1980.

My greatest love in community service was the Rosedale Fire Department, where I spent thirty years - about half of the time as Fire Chief.

As of 1986 we still operate Keller's Garage.

## THE JOSEPH W. KENNEDY FAMILY

by Joe "Chub" Kennedy

Joseph William Kennedy and his wife, Hazel (Shillman) Kennedy accompanied by four children came to the Upper Valley from the Red Deer River area of Alberta in 1927. The children were sons Ferguson "Gus", Joseph Jr., Russell and Dean.

Joe Kennedy rented two other farms in the area before settling at 50131 Camp River Road, for the period 1931-1942.

Here the Kennedy family grew up and helped on the farm, each of the boys learning to milk and at one time about 25 cows were milked by hand. The milk was shipped in cans, picked up by truck and taken to the Sardis FVMPA plant.

Two children were born in Camp River, a daughter Jean and a fifth son Donald.

The Kennedy children attended Camp River Elementary School and grades 6, 7 and 8, at Rosedale Elementary where they remember Bill Robertson as a good teacher.

The boys struck out early after grade 8 and found work. In 1942 the elder Kennedys sold the dairy cattle and retired in Vancouver. Both are now deceased.

Dean lived in Agassiz where he passed away in 1960. In 1988 Joe lives in Richmond, B.C. and Russell in Vancouver, B.C. Donald lives in Ashcroft, B.C. and Jean (Kennedy) Carrier lives in Kelowna, B.C. and Gus lives in Agassiz, B.C.

## THE KERR FAMILY

by Irene (Kerr) Tagert

Robert Franklin (Frank) Kerr, (1890-1983), came from Arrowhead, B.C. in April 1910. He was followed shortly after by his mother, Mrs. Mary Eleanor (Powell) Kerr, (1857-1941), and sisters, Florence and Irene. The family had earlier lived in Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan. Another sister, Ida, was attending high school in Moose Jaw at

that time, living with her aunt Mrs. Florence Slater. Mrs. Kerr and daughters came by CPR to Agassiz and were transported to the Rosedale-Agassiz ferry by Charles Inkman in a horse-drawn cab.

Frank had undertaken to buy and operate a business in a new building constructed by W.E. Braithwaite on a David Greyell lot directly across Yale Road from the Rosedale Hotel, being constructed at the same time in 1910. The new building was designed to house two businesses; Frank would operate the poolroom and tobacconist portion, and Mrs. Kerr would operate the ice cream and confectionery portion. The building also provided living quarters for the proprietors. In some years, ice was harvested in winter from the river and sloughs and stored under sawdust in an icehouse, the location of which is not known. Frank was assisted by James Love who had come with him from Arrowhead. These businesses were operated without interruption until 1926, although Frank was absent for a period in the armed forces in 1917-18. James Love, also served in World War I. He did not return to Rosedale after discharge.

In 1917 Frank bought a 40-acre farm on Nevin Road, heavily timbered and previously owned as investment property by Dr. Robert McCaffrey. In mid-1926, the poolroom and confectionery building was destroyed by fire, along with the Rosedale Hotel. Frank sold the lot promptly and built a home on his farm property. In the same year he married Laura Wilson (1900-1953). She was one of a family of 14 who lived on a farm farther west on Gibson Road. Laura had attended Chilliwack High School and Vancouver Normal School. She taught first at Blue River near Jasper in 1918, and later at Rosedale for several years before her marriage. Frank retained the farm for the rest of his life, clearing it of trees and stumps



*Frank and Laura Kerr.*

almost single-handed, with only a brief excursion into business again when he bought the Travellers Inn in Agassiz in the early 1940's. From the mid 40's to the early 60's he was employed on the Rosedale-Agassiz ferry as purser and mate. In his later years he adopted a relaxed mode of farming but did not seek retirement comfort elsewhere.

Irene attended Chilliwack High School, boarding in Chilliwack with the Jack Laughlin and Bradwin families (Vina Bradwin later come to Rosedale as Vina Bartindale). She attended Vancouver Normal School and taught in the B.C. Interior and in Popkum in 1919. She married Joseph Turpin in 1922. They operated Turpin's Confectionery in Chilliwack until 1934 when the business was sold and they moved to Vancouver. Following Joe's death, Irene married Dr. Frank Tagert in Reno, Nevada, in 1938. They had two (adopted) children, Susan and Sang. Irene was employed until recently, but now lives in retirement in Palm Springs, California.

Ida became court secretary in Moose Jaw. She was well-known in Rosedale, visiting frequently. During the war, she married Major Oliver Maitland and they lived in Moose Jaw after his return from overseas in 1919, and later in Winnipeg. They had a daughter, Ruth and sons Jack, Paul and Frank.

After elementary school in Rosedale, Florence attended King Edward High School in Vancouver from 1918. She married Dr. Lester Lightfoot, and they lived in Seattle.

Frank and Laura had five children: in order of age, Garth, Bruce, Marian, Roger, and David.

Garth, born in 1929, worked in road construction and jointly with his father bought a share of the McMillan



*Back row: Bruce, Marion, and Garth. Front row: Roger and David.*

farm just east of the Kerr property. He left the farm early and concentrated on construction contracting, acquiring his own equipment and business. He married in 1956 to Sheila Marshall, and they have two daughters, Linnet and Coleen.

Bruce married Rose Trowsdale of Cortez Island in 1948. He worked as a tree faller, living on the north side

of Nevin Road until he bought the McMillan farm from his father and Garth and built a new residence on it. Bruce and Rose have five children: Douglas, Elvina, Robert, Penny and Leila.



Four generations: Bruce, son; Mr. Frank Kerr, father; Robbie, grandson; and three great grandsons.

Marian is a namesake of Mrs. Edgar Archibald, of whom her aunt Irene Tagert speaks with great respect in her memoirs. Marian married Wilfred Ratell of Vancouver. They have lived in Vancouver and have a son Wilfred and daughters Wendy and Jacqueline.

Roger worked on construction and married Noela Cronk a schoolteacher from Australia. They live in Agassiz and have three sons, Tom, Bob, and Paul.

David married Shirley Glendinning of Rosedale. They lived in the Rosedale area for a time, and for a longer period at Port McNeil. David was a machine operator, principally in road-building. He died early in 1986, leaving a widow and two sons, Glen and Ross.

## THE KILFOYLES

by Edna (Kilfoyle) Pearce

Andrew Harvey Kilfoyle, 1861-1948, and his wife, Sarah Lavina Burns Kilfoyle, 1871-1955, had a family of two sons, Brock and Gordon Ross and two daughters, Annie Viola and Edna. All of the children were born in MacGregor, Manitoba.

The family moved west with father coming first and the family joining him later. Andrew Kilfoyle had lived at Ellensburg, Washington, and Harrison Mills, B.C., before settling with his family in a rented home on the Standeven farm across the slough from the Camp River Hall.

After a year or two the family moved to the Dave Chapman place on the east side of Gill Road, and close to the dyke. This was semi-retirement for the senior Kilfoyles.

Brock Kilfoyle made work for himself cutting and selling firewood and as a farm labourer.

In 1955, Brock took employment with the B.C. Forest

Service as a look-out man and was stationed at Squamish and Merritt before retiring to live in Kelowna, B.C. with his wife, Mabel.



Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Kilfoyle, 1939.

Edna Kilfoyle worked as a clerk in the Menzie Bros. and later Mc. & Mc. Hardware store in Chilliwack. She married a popular member of the staff, Charles Pearce. Now widowed, Edna Pearce lives in Chilliwack.

G. Ross Kilfoyle followed railroading as a career and following retirement was tragically killed in a train-car accident in 1971.

The elder daughter, Annie Viola Kilfoyle Pratt, who never lived in Rosedale, passed away in 1988.

Andrew H. and Sarah L. Kilfoyle are buried in I.O.O.F. Cemetery, Chilliwack, B.C.

## KIRKBRIGHT BROTHERS

by Joe Patterson with recollections  
by F. Bryant and M. Nixon, March 1987

Dan and Allan Kirkbright came to Nixon Hill in 1906 from England. The two brothers were bachelors all their lives and homesteaded on the east side of Nixon Road, thought to have been on the N.W. Quarter Section 22, Township 29.

These properties, now 8160 Nixon Road are about where the house was located. The two men worked in the woods and raised a few sheep; working out on farms in the valley during the busy season.

It was reported that Alan was a practical veterinarian and helped many farmers with livestock problems. Both men were known as being very cheerful and friendly. It was also stated that their main beverage was pure cider vinegar.

Dan passed away quite early. Thomas Alan was born in 1870, lived at Menholm Lodge in Chilliwack and died in 1954.

## THE GEORGE KNOWLES FAMILY

by Margaret (Knowles) Nelson

George Knowles was born in Devon, England in 1889 and after serving in World War I, came to Rosedale buying a ten acre farm on Pelly Road through the Soldier Settlement Board. He then sent for his wife Margaret and two small children, Percy and Margaret. Vernon was born six years later.



*Margaret and George Knowles.*

With no farming experience and no desire to be one, he soon realized he would have to look for some other kind of work to support his family.

He worked on the C.N.R. part time at Rosedale as a section hand and later on was able to get a foreman's job, first at Decoigne, near Jasper, Alberta then to Gorge at Hell's Gate, and later to Yale where he remained until his retirement in 1952. As no schools were available at these locations his family remained at Rosedale, only visiting him on school holidays.

George retired at 51810 Nevin Road, Rosedale, working harder than ever on this 20 acres of rocky land. He passed away in 1963 and his wife in 1981.

Percy married Jeanette Eichstadt. He is now retired and lives at Maple Ridge. They have one daughter, Wendy and one son, Terry.

Margaret married Thomas Nelson and is now a widow. She has two sons, Edward and James.

Vernon married Hazel Parkes and lives at Surrey, B.C.

*Mr. and Mrs. George Knowles, Margaret and grandson, Jim.*



## THE GEORGE DALTON KNOWLTON FAMILY

by Patricia Pearl Knowlton

George Dalton Knowlton was born April 8, 1901 at Advocate Harbour, Nova Scotia. He came to B.C. at the age of nine.

Pearl Frances Pikin was born February 6, 1896 at Mission, B.C.

The couple were married in Vancouver, B.C. on March 12, 1924. Dalton was involved in logging for the greater part of his life. They came to Rosedale from Mission in 1945, where they lived in Ben McGrath's cabin, behind the Rosedale store and garage, while they built their home on Yale Road, east of Rosedale.



*Pearl and Dalton Knowlton.*

Dalton and his nephew, Charlie, were cutting cottonwood timber when they first came to the area. Dalton became part owner and superintendent of Knowlton Logging Operation at Ruby Creek about 1946, with Capilano Timber Co., Mssrs. William and Jack McLellan and Wally Hammond. Dalton ran the Knowlton Logging Company during its entire time of operation - about 12 years.

Pearl and Dalton lived in their Rosedale home most of this time, until about 1957. They spent about three years in an apartment in the West End of Vancouver, then a house in Burnaby.

In 1960 they returned to Ruby Creek for about two years, and then built a home in Popkum, moving into it in January of 1963.

Dalton worked for a short time at a land clearing operation on Seabird Island with Bob Cattermole. After this he retired to enjoy their Popkum home until 1968, when they moved to Fairfield Island, until Dalton's death in September, 1975.

Dalton was an ardent fisherman and they spent many happy times with Pearl's sister and her husband, George Hulbert, camping etc.

Knowlton's only child, daughter Patricia Pearl, was born in Vancouver, January 9, 1926. Pat graduated from Vancouver General Hospital in 1947 and came, with two of her friends, to work in Chilliwack General Hospital.



*Pat, Dalton and Pearl Knowlton on their Golden Wedding Anniversary.*

She later spent many years in Vancouver and in Surrey as a Public Health Nurse. Pat returned to live with her mother, in Chilliwack, after the death of her father.

In July of 1976, Pearl and Pat moved into a Hodgins Manor apartment, in Chilliwack.

Pearl passed away on January 22, 1988, just two weeks before her 92nd birthday. Both Pearl and Dalton are buried in the IOOF cemetery in Chilliwack.

## JOHN KNOX FAMILY

*by Marjorie (Ryder) Herron*

John Knox and Rebecca Watson were married in Guelph, Ontario, in 1876. The new Mrs. Knox rode a white horse at the head of the procession in the first Orangeman's Day Parade, on the 12th of July. Shortly after their marriage they moved to North Dakota, then west to Coghlan, near Langley, B.C. While the family remained in Coghlan, Mr. Knox went north to the Klondike Gold Rush in 1898 and returned five years later. In 1907 the family finally settled on a farm at 49560 Castleman Road, after arriving with household effects and livestock by Fraser River Boat at Minto Landing, north of Chilliwack.

Although the Knoxs had nine children, only the four youngest girls, Minnie, Ethel, Lottie and Jennie, moved to Rosedale. The girls all attended elementary school in this area and later all married local men: Minnie became Mrs. Scott Tompkins; Ethel, Mrs. William Chapman; Lottie, Mrs. James Muirhead; and Jennie, Mrs. Bruce Ryder. Today (1987) only Mrs. Chapman survives and she is well into her nineties.

Mr. Knox was a stonemason and plasterer by trade, and evidence of his work can still be seen today. The large home on Yale Road, presently known as "La Mansione Restaurant" is just one remaining example of his work.

June 5, 1921 was a day of adventure and tragedy. John Knox, accompanied by young brothers John and Roy Grigg, set out by boat to rescue cattle from an island in

the Fraser River. The river was in freshet and the boat got into difficulty and capsized. The three hung on for sometime, but eventually the boys, who were wearing hip boots, were sucked under by the strong current and drowned. Mr. Knox, who was a strong swimmer, made the safety of a log jam, and was rescued the next morning when Jim Muirhead heard his calls and was able to get help. John Knox survived the long cold night even at 80 years of age, but never failed to warn boaters not to wear hip boots, and relived the tragedy many times on his deathbed.

Mr. Knox died in 1924 and Mrs. Knox in 1929.

## KORMENDY FAMILY

*by Isabel M. Kormendy*

It was a coincidence that the Edward Kormendy family came to live in Rosedale, B.C., from Rosedale, Alberta. The common name derived from the fact that both places were overgrown with masses of the fragrant wild roses.

Land was purchased by Edward in 1932, after much looking around at various areas from Sumas to Popkum. A twenty acre plot, at what is now 51840 Yale Road East, Rosedale, was bought and Edward, accompanied by his sons, came to clear trees, burn bush, and level the land.

In the winter, Edward returned to Rosedale, Alberta, to work, as a miner, in the collieries.



*Mrs. Kormendy and daughter, Mary.*

Finally in 1935, the family moved to Rosedale, B.C., to take up residence in their new home which was completed as they lived in it. They were accompanied by Mary, Leo, and Alex. Elizabeth, who was married, and Joe, remained at Rosedale, Alta. They began a small dairy operation and chicken farm, which they operated until they sold the farm in 1954.

Mary attended school at Rosedale then Chilliwack High School. Later she married Robert Boule. They lived in the Rosedale area until 1978, when they moved to Hazelton, B.C. Bob was Postmaster there and Mary operated a flower shop, Boule's Flowers, for eight years.

They have since moved to 100 Mile House where they have retired.

Leo Kormendy attended school in Rosedale and Chilliwack. He joined the R.C.A.F. in 1942 and following his discharge in 1945, he joined the Vancouver Police Force. After his marriage, he and his wife, Clara moved home to Rosedale, B.C. where he was a logging truck driver for many years. He moved to the United States and died there in an industrial accident in 1957. His wife returned to Chilliwack where she raised their three sons. Clara still lives in Chilliwack.

Elizabeth (Mrs. Ziegler) and her husband, Robert Ziegler, purchased ten acres adjacent to Edward Kormendy's place in 1932. They sold it and moved, in 1946, to a farm they had purchased on Castleman Road. They operated a dairy farm and Robert Ziegler worked in the logging industry in the summer. Robert was killed in the woods in 1956. Elizabeth, with the help of her two sons, operated the farm for two years after her husband's death, then moved to Chilliwack where she still lives.

Alex Kormendy moved to Rosedale, B.C. with his parents in 1935, helping with land clearing and building etc., but returned to Rosedale, Alta. to work in the coal mine after the outbreak of the Second World War. He married and he and his wife Ione, moved to Rosedale, B.C. to live in July, 1945. For awhile they lived at Harrison Lake, then built a home in Sardis. Alex lost his life in a logging accident in 1950. His widow, Ione, worked for many years at the Chilliwack General Hospital on the nursing staff. She now lives in Chilliwack.

Joe Kormendy, my husband, came with his father to Rosedale, B.C. and he searched for a new home. He, like the rest of the family, helped clear land, build barns and get his parents established. His permanent home was at Rosedale, Alta. where we were married. We stayed at the colliers through the war till 1945, when we moved out here permanently. We built our home on a lot subdivided from the original 20 acre farm. It is still my home. Joe passed away in 1984 at the age of 72.

Edward and Marie's children and grandchildren live in many places in Canada and the USA.

Edward passed away in 1968 and Marie in 1956. Both are buried in the I.O.O.F. Cemetery in Chilliwack.

## THE BERT LA MARSH FAMILY

*by Gordon La Marsh*

My parents, Albert 'Bert' and Lula La Marsh, went to live in Rosedale, B.C. in 1907. My mother was Lula Hobstead and she had a sister Lavina Cristine who married Roy Munro of Popkum. Aunt Lavina and my mother were both born in St. Paul Minnesota, U.S.A.

The four children in our family, Amy, Carrie, Marjorie and myself (Gordon) were all born in Rosedale.

I was only four years old when our family moved to Innisfail, Alberta, so I do not remember very much about Popkum. I have heard so many wonderful things about the Fraser Valley from my parents, so I have a big spot in my heart for the place. I just love to drive through and see Mount Cheam and Bridal Veil Falls and once saw the



*Back row, l to r: Marjorie, Evelyn, Gordon, Julia, Ellen. Front row: Carrie, Mrs. LaMarsh, Mr. Bert LaMarsh, Amy.*

old house where I was born.

Since 1988 my sister, Mrs. Amy Crabb has lived in Vancouver, B.C. My youngest sister, Ellen, born after we left Rosedale, is now Mrs. Ellen Wilson of Vancouver, B.C. A third sister, Mrs. Evelyn Peterson, now is living in Calgary, Alberta.

Sister, Mrs. Julie Baumgard is in Edmonton, Alberta. Sisters Carrie and Marjorie are both deceased.

## THE MICHAEL LA MARSH FAMILY

*by Mrs. David La Marsh*

My husband's parents, Michael and Amy La Marsh lived in the Red River Valley of Manitoba. Tragedy struck the family about 1904 when Mrs. Amy La Marsh was drowned while crossing the Red River with a team and wagon. Michael La Marsh was left with a large family of nine or ten young children. Soon after this tragic incident, Michael and his family migrated to Popkum, B.C., living on the south end of Thompson Road.

I do not know what happened to all of the children, but do know that Mary La Marsh married William 'Bill' Bond of Popkum (see Bond account). Another daughter, Bertha, married Jack Tolmie. A son, Fred La Marsh, married Jenny MacGillivray of Huntington, B.C. and this couple lived in Popkum for a number of years. The youngest member of the family was Arthur.

My husband David La Marsh, who was born in 1898 and I, Doreen Miller of East Chilliwack, were married in 1928.

My husband, David La Marsh, who was born in 1898 Muirhead brothers as a sawmill worker prior to our marriage. We settled in East Chilliwack where our family grew up.

Michael La Marsh lived for a number of years with his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. William Bond.

He lived to a good old age and always liked to be around little children.



Back row, l-r: Murray Mullett, Mike Campbell, Glen, Wayne, Leonard, Marilyn, Diane and Sharon Laughlin. 3rd row: Edna, Dick McIntyre, Bud Allen, Jim, Hugh, Laurie Laughlin, Wes Mullett, Bob Campbell, Archie, Bob, Cliff Laughlin, Don Siddons, Tom Laughlin. 2nd row: Vera McIntyre, Aunt Lil Bradshaw, holding Gordon Laughlin, Betty Allen, Phyllis Laughlin with Jack, Sylvia Laughlin with Joanne, Eileen Laughlin with Chris, Betty Mullett, Hugh A. Laughlin, Beulah Campbell, Viola, Marion, and Helena Laughlin, Edith McPhee, Alice Siddons. 1st row: Lorraine, Jessie Irene, Gail, Karen, Lynn, Sheila, Bill Laughlin, Connie Campbell, Colleen Campbell, Lorne, Maureen and Eric Laughlin. This picture was taken March 1959 at Hugh Laughlin's 80th birthday.

## LAUGHLIN FAMILY

by Betty (Laughlin) Allen

William John, "Jack" Laughlin was the first son born to Robert and Isabella (Huey) Laughlin on August 21, 1858, in Simcoe County, Ontario. Robert and Isabella had been married on May 5, 1857 in Derry Cathedral, Londonderry, Ireland. They sailed for Canada shortly afterwards travelling to Simcoe County where Robert was employed as a farm labourer.

Jack married Mary Edmondson, daughter of Mark and "Charles" (McCallum) Edmondson on September 1, 1883 in Toronto, Ontario.

Jack came to B.C. in 1891 with his father-in-law, Mark Edmondson and two brothers-in-law John and Jim Edmondson. They were also accompanied by Bob Wallace and Bill Douglas, old neighbours. They first lived at Mission where they boarded with a Mr. and Mrs. Joe McCoy while they did carpenter work.

Mary and her children, Edith and Bud arrived in Mission on the 17th March 1892. Accompanying her was her mother, Mrs. Mark Edmondson and sisters Annie and Lily; brothers Will and Leo as well as her sister-in-law, Hester Ann (Laughlin) Edmondson with her son Elwood. They came by the C.P.R.

Shortly after entering the Rocky Mountains the train was stopped because of a slide, a new experience for the travellers. Leaving snow on the ground in Ontario, they were delighted upon arrival at Mission to see green grass and beautiful flowers in bloom.

Jack is listed in the 1894 B.C. Directory as a cabinetmaker. Family legend states that he carved the

doors for the Bank of Montreal in downtown Vancouver. In the 1895 Directory, he's listed as a "Wood carver for Hart's Factory". In 1904 the family was living in Chilliwack and Jack was working as a carpenter. Jack built the district's first high school and later took an active part in the construction of the old high school on Yale Road.

In 1920 he moved to California returning to Chilliwack in 1930.

Jack and Mary had a family of three: Edith Mable who married first, a Mr. McPherson, and secondly, George Dobie. Edith had a daughter, Janet Louise who moved to New Zealand, married Trevor Wright Hartley on May 20, 1933. Janet's only daughter, Louise married John Edward Moesbergen in 1955, and presently lives in Brisbane, Australia. Edith died 1915.

Bud, the second child was married to Georgina and they had a son Lewis Warne Laughlin.

The third child was Mark Edwin, "Ted" was born July 17, 1894 in Vancouver. On the 7th August, 1923 he married Eleanor May Bowden, daughter of Henry and Mable (Forgie) Bowden of Sardis. Ted died at Clinton, B.C., November 14, 1947.

Jack died in Chilliwack on the 17th February, 1942 and Mary on 15th May 1917. Both are buried in the I.O.O.F. cemetery.

George Isaac Laughlin was the fifth son born to Robert and Isabella (Huey) Laughlin on December 9, 1870 in Simcoe County, Ontario.

George came to Chilliwack in 1894, arriving on April 18th. He lived here for two years before going to Vernon

to the Coldstream ranch to work. He then followed the gold rush trail to the Yukon in 1899 where he operated a store, mined and prospected until 1907 when he went east to Toronto to be married.

George married Mary Margaret Scott, daughter of Thomas and Ann (Hamilton) Scott on June 12, 1907 at New Lowell, Ontario.

George and Margaret returned to Chilliwack after their marriage. On the 29th March 1909, George, along with his brother Hugh, purchased 61.97 acres of Lot 425 better known as 645 Camp River Road. This was later subdivided into two parcels with George having 30.35 acres.

As well as farming, George also engaged in barn building. George was one of the originals to adopt the F.V.M.P.A. plan of cooperative milk marketing.

George and Margaret had a family of two: Thomas Robert who married Edna Aletha Dougherty in 1943. Tom passed away on January 3rd, 1962. Edna lives in Chilliwack. Vera Georgina who in 1934 married Richard Shirley McIntyre. Vera and Dick reside on McGuire Road in Sardis.

George passed away January 13, 1943, and Margaret on March 25, 1947. Both are buried in the I.O.O.F. cemetery.

Hugh Alexander Laughlin was the son of Robert and Isabella (Huey) Laughlin, born March 11, 1879 in Simcoe County, Ontario.

Hugh attended the Collingwood Model school in Ontario, and took teacher training in Ontario and in B.C.

The first listing of Hugh in B.C. is found in the B.C. Directory of 1902 when he was living in Vancouver. On the 25th April 1902, he enlisted with the 5th Regiment of Canadian Mounted Rifles in Vancouver to serve in the South African War.

In 1904, Hugh was living in Chilliwack, and was employed as a teacher. He taught school at Rosedale, Cheam, East Chilliwack, Yarrow and Camp Slough.

On January 1, 1908 Hugh married Daisy Aileen Edmondson, daughter of Archibald McCallum and Elizabeth Rachel (Pickard) Edmondson, at Cheam, B.C. Rev. E. Manuel officiated the ceremony.

Brother Jack, built a home for them at 550 Camp River Road and they moved in, in 1909. This home was the other half of Lot 425, 61.97 acres purchased with Hugh's brother George. This portion contained 31.7 acres when subdivided later.

On June 5, 1916, Hugh enlisted once again. He served in France with the 45th Battalion and was wounded at Vimy Ridge April 9, 1917. He received the British War and Victory Medals and was discharged on February 14, 1919 in Vancouver, B.C.

Hugh was an avid baseball fan. His family in Ontario felt he would have been a professional ballplayer if he hadn't gone west as a young lad. He was one of the founding members of the Rosedale Athletic Club and also of the Camp Slough Hall Association which was formed in 1910.

After the war, Hugh returned to his dairy farm. On July 28, 1921, he became the first liquor control vendor for the City of Chilliwack, a position he held until September 30, 1946, when he retired. After retirement he

worked as an accountant with a dredging firm part-time.

Hugh died July 27, 1960, and Daisy on April 22, 1949. Both are buried in the Legion cemetery at Little Mountain.

Their family consisted of: Clifford Alexander, born May 19, 1910. He married Helene Ingeborg Hansen on June 1, 1940 in Chilliwack. They farmed on Gill Road where they resided until 1987.

Frederick Carlyle, born February 29, 1912. "Lyle" married Ruby Kathleen Cook. They farmed on Camp Slough Road. Ruby passed away April 13, 1956. Lyle then moved in 1957 to the Okanagan where he farmed at Cherry Creek and Lavington. He married a second time while living at Lavington. Lyle passed away December 17, 1976 and is buried in Vernon, B.C.

Elizabeth Lily "Betty", born April 9, 1914, married on 23 January 1937 at Wells, Wesley Allan Mullett. Wesley passed away July 2, 1960, at Vancouver. Betty remarried. This time to George Joseph Mager and they reside in Vancouver.

John Archibald "Archie" was born July 8, 1915. He married on January 3, 1939, Viola Dora Mercer. They farmed at Cheam and Rosedale for many years.

Hugh Robert, born October 3, 1919 married Marion Laughington on September 22, 1951. They reside on Camp River Road.

Lawrence Edmondson, born October 3, 1922, he married Eileen Gertrude Pyvis, November 4, 1943 in Chilliwack. Eileen died March 27, 1965. Laurie later married Mrs. Phyllis Evelyn (Pickup) Hill. She died October 4, 1970. Laurie now lives in Chilliwack.

Margaret Daisy, born December 29, 1923, married John William "Bill" Lees on November 8, 1943, in Humboldt, Saskatchewan. Margie and Bill are retired in Humboldt after farming at Burr, Saskatchewan.

Hugh George, born September 11, 1926, married Sylvia Joyce Boswell on June 20, 1950 at Sardis, B.C. They reside on Camp River Road.

James Gordon Lorne, born March 9, 1929, married Phyllis Eleanor Muir on July 15, 1950 at Rosedale, B.C. They live on the home farm at Camp River.

Beulah Mary, born February 19, 1931 married Robert Duncan Campbell on June 26, 1948. They reside in East Chilliwack.

## THE HUBERT (HUGH) GEORGE LAUGHLIN FAMILY

*by Sylvia (Boswell) Laughlin*

Hugh and Sylvia Boswell were married on June 20, 1950 at Sardis and lived there for two years. They then moved to Rosedale and resided there until July 1954 when they moved to 48350 Camp River Road and built the house they reside in today. They had four children.

Lynn, Gail, Joanne and Steven attended schools at Little Mountain, Fairfield, Cheam, Camp River Elementary and Rosedale Secondary and Chilliwack Senior. All attended Church and Sunday School at St. Peters Anglican Church.

Lynn married Tom Evans and they have a daughter Melanie. They reside in Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan where Tom is in the Armed Forces.

Gail married Brian Richardson. They have a daughter, Andrea. They reside in Vancouver.

Joanne married Daniel Preik, they reside in Chilliwack and have three children, Ryan, Megan and Landon.

Steven married Sheila Maxwell, they reside in Vancouver and have a daughter, Carly.

## J.W. LEWIS FAMILY

*by Nonie (Lewis) Elliott and Betty (Lewis) List*

John W. and Dora Lewis with their two children, Robert and Elizabeth, moved from Saskatchewan in 1935, to a farm on Upper Prairie Road. They moved again to 49560 Castleman Road. The family had left the drought area of Saskatchewan and brought a small herd of purebred Ayrshires with them.

Bob and Betty enrolled in the 4-H Club organized by George H. Bryant. This was when the clubs were still known as Junior Farmer Clubs. This club was one of the first from the Chilliwack area to exhibit at the Vancouver Fair, again, before it was known as the PNE. J.R. "Jack" Hill, who was the milk hauler in Rosedale, took the calves to Vancouver in the covered milk truck. In 1938, the club took their calves to show at the Victoria Exhibition at Willows Park, now a major residential housing development. The calves were transported on the Canadian Pacific Steamships (passenger boats) and tied in the hold of the ship with vehicles. This naturally, created much interest. Bob, along with his teammate Fred Bryant, competed in the provincial judging finals for dairy cattle representing the Chilliwack district.



*John W. and Dora Lewis on their Wedding day.*

With the start of World War II John Lewis returned to his profession as a Civil Engineer and worked in airport construction as part of the war effort. Bob enlisted in the Royal Canadian Navy and served for three years. His mother and sister operated the farm in their absence.

Robert "Bob" Lewis married Winona "Nonie" Sheldon of Rosedale and the couple have five children: sons Arthur and Robert, and daughters Joy, Lynne and Nancy. Bob and Nonie took over the farm and continued in the dairy business. The young couple suffered a major

setback when on a very hot day in the summer of 1958, the large barn burst into flames and was totally destroyed. With the help of neighbours, temporary shelters and a new barn were built. With the opening of the Rosedale Agassiz Bridge, Bob took a job as a toll clerk and continued until the tolls were removed. He then transferred to the Corrections Institution at Haney. He passed away unexpectedly in 1969.

Betty married Steven List and had one son, now deceased. She suffered health problems that have left her confined to a wheelchair, but she still enjoys serving as a Volunteer Teachers Aid in local schools.

John W. Lewis passed away in 1956, and Mrs. Dora Lewis lived in Chilliwack until her death in 1980.

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*Nonie and Bob Lewis in their courting days.*

## THE LOBB FAMILY

*by E.L. Lobb*

On March 1st, 1919, following the end of the 1914-18 war, Thomas "Tom" Lobb arrived in Rosedale on the CN "Milk" train. The strain of the war years and the transition from horses to trucks caused him to terminate the horse-shoeing and carriage building business he had conducted in Vancouver for some 23 years, and after 50 years active in his trade, he decided to return to the farm, having been raised on a farm in Ontario.

Oliver and Albert Grigg met us at the Station house, (Billie Hughes was the Station Agent) with horses and a sleigh, for there was nearly two feet of snow; and moved us to our new home in what is now the Pelly Subdivision.

This was a rented farm which was sold in 1920, and the Lobb family were forced to move. They purchased a 20 acre partly cleared farm in Camp Slough, on the Willbourn Road.

There were now six of the family of 12 living in Rose-dale, and Tom Lobb continued farming until 1926.

During the 1920's the Great Depression was taking its toll, and Tom was forced to start up a small blacksmith shop on the farm and do some horse-shoeing and repair work for neighbors. In 1926 he was approached by Bob Muir, who had been a partner with Tom in the Van-

cover business, but now operated the Rosedale Blacksmith shop.

Laurie Lobb (the youngest of the family of 12) was now 19 years old, and it was his decision to leave the farm in favor of Shop work. We moved to the old Dave Greyell house on the bank of Hope Slough, at the end of the Ford Road, and on November 1st, 1926 we opened the Shop for business.

Thomas Lobb died in 1933, following a lengthy bout with cancer. Laurie continued in business in Rosedale until his retirement in 1974.

For many years, Thomas and his wife, Loreno, and children: - Erna, Raye, Una, Ida, Gladys, Elsie and Laurie, centered most of their community activities within the local Church, which became the United Church, many of the family holding some office or teaching.

Laurie married Minnie Bridge in 1930, and purchased a home on McGrath Road South, which was part of the Dave Karr estate. It was here that they raised their three children, Douglas, Ernest, and Judy, now Mrs. Terry



*Warner Lobb on top of Mount Cheam.*



*Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Lobb.*

Plummer of Chilliwack.

The years have taken their toll, and at this time, all the family are deceased, with the exception of Gladys Edwards of Chilliwack, and Laurie and Minnie residing in Lindell Beach, B.C.

The family all enjoyed Rosedale, which provided the formative years of so many of this family, with a solid background to face life.

## **LOCKYER**

*by Edith (Bates) Broome*

A.I.J. Lockyer with his wife, Edith, and sons Jack, Albert and Reginald came to the Rosedale area circa 1938, from northern Saskatchewan. The family lived first on the Batstone farm and built the house at 49862 Yale Road. Later they rented the 80 acre farm at 51810 Nevin Road.

The family attended the Re-Organized Church of Latter Day Saints, and Mr. Lockyer Sr. was the Elder of the congregation for a number of years.

Besides farming, the Lockyer men were carpenters and after buying 20 acres at the northeast corner of McGrath and Nevin Roads, built the first house at 9612 McGrath Road.

Albert "Bert" Lockyer married Gladys Taylor and built a home at 51405 Nevin Road. The family also built the first house at 9688 McGrath Road and Reg lived there for several years. A married daughter Doris Bates lived in Rosedale during the second World War.

In 1988, the Senior Lockyers are deceased, as is Jack. Bert lives in Independence, Missouri and Reg is in Vancouver. A granddaughter Edith Broome lives in Sardis, B.C.

## **THE JOHN LOVE FAMILY**

*by John Love*

John and Ruby Love came to Rosedale from North Vancouver in 1946. For some years they lived at 9843

Ford Road.

John was a longtime employee of the Rosedale Machine Shop as a welder. Ruby was active in the Zwi group of younger women of the Rosedale United Church and recalls the good times in preparing the musical play "The New Minister".

John and Ruby were active members of the Rosedale Athletic Club and served on the Board of Directors. John was a member of the Rosedale Volunteer Fire Brigade for a number of years.

John and Ruby also served as Scouters, John working in the Scout troop and Ruby as a Cub Leader.

John and Ruby have one son James "Jim", who attended Rosedale Elementary School and took part in ball teams. Jim now lives in Coquitlam, B.C. and works as a truck driver.

Now retired, John and Ruby reside in the Earle Archibald home at 51279 Yale Road. John and Ruby have served as volunteers in the local chapter of the Chilliwack White Cane Club.

## JOHN PAUL LOWE AND FAMILY

*by Stuart Lowe*

John Paul Lowe (1872-1941) was born in Yorkshire, England, and with 2 brothers emigrated to Canada and took up homesteads in Saskatchewan, north of Regina, in the early years of this century. John Lowe sent to England for his sweetheart, Winnifred Moss, and the



*Mrs. Mabel and Mr. John P. Lowe and son, Stuart.*



*John Lowe clearing land on Nevin Road in 1920's.*

couple were married at Foxleigh, Saskatchewan, in 1912. Winnifred (Moss) Lowe (born 1875) passed away in 1917 and John Lowe left Saskatchewan and headed west, settling on a 40 acre farm at 51810 Nevin Road, Rosedale.

In 1920 John P. Lowe married Elizabeth Broder at Rosedale. The author of this account was born to this union in 1922. Grief was to hit John Lowe again, as his wife and Stuart's mother passed away later in 1922. (1885-1922) Mrs. Elizabeth Lowe is buried in Anglican Cemetery, Mt. Shannon, Chilliwack, B.C.

Farming in those early years was difficult at best. Much of this land was uncleared. Milking cows was done by hand, and milk cooled in the stream or by hand pumped water. Stuart recalls the coal-oil lamps, candles and white gas lamps and the continual fear of lightning strikes and forest fires as the timber growth was very close to the buildings.

Stuart recalled that the roads were of sawdust or gravel at best, and travel was by horse and buggy or democrat and perhaps sleighs in the wintertime. He also recalls those first cars - an Oakland, Star, and when he got a motor bike. He remembers taking the Inkman bus to Chilliwack, and occasionally going over on the ferry to Agassiz and Harrison.

He remembers a gas-driven saw as a great invention over the hand cross-cut saws.

In the mid 1920's John Lowe married Mabel Hopgood and for a period of time in the late 1920's, John Lowe had a partner on the farm, and it was known as the L&D Ranch, using the names of Lowe and Dunn.

In 1932 John Lowe sold the Nevin Rd. 40 acres and moved to 9784 Pelly Road. Here Stuart recalled many good times walking to school with the Albert Grigg and Herb Grainger families. Perhaps it was an early indication of Stuart's career in special mechanics, for the boys rigged up a communication system over half a mile between the Lowe and Grigg houses.

Stuart attended Chilliwack High School and served in the R.C.A.F. from 1942-1945 as an Aero Engine Mechanic.

In 1947, Stuart married Eileen Smith of Vancouver and the couple have two sons and one daughter. One son, Douglas is a Chilliwack schoolteacher and is married and has two sons. The other son, Russell, lives in Burnaby. The daughter, Juanita (Nita - Mrs. Loewen) lives in Cloverdale. Their mother, Mrs. Eileen Lowe passed away in 1977. Stuart continues to reside in Burnaby in retirement.

John Lowe passed away in 1941 and his wife Mrs. Mabel Lowe passed away in 1962.

## THE PAUL AND DORA LUDCHAK FAMILY

*by Mary (Ludchak) Person*

My father, Paul Ludchak, came from Austria in 1913 and worked, first, building the PGE railway, then he became a shoemaker in Vancouver. My mom came from the Ukraine in 1926, and they married in Vancouver in 1927. I came along in December 1927. Daddy had built a big house on three lots on East 22nd Avenue in Vancouver. We had a cow and some chickens and ducks. Then Daddy lost his job. The air in the shoemaker's shop was very dusty and smelly from people's shoes and feet and this was affecting Daddy's lungs. So when there was no work for some time, Mom and Daddy began to talk of what to do. Then I began to hear talk of moving to a farm. Because Mom knew country life they figured that somehow they could make a living on the farm. So we traded our house and three lots in Vancouver for a 27-



*Mr. and Mrs. Paul Ludchak.*

acre farm with 10 cows, two miles past Rosedale, adjoining the Popcum School property. This farm was owned by a Mr. Dave Greyell. On March 16, 1935 we loaded our furniture on a big truck, with a trailer on the back for our cow, Bossy, and our dog, Wreesaw, and came to the farm.

I must explain why we moved on the 16th. It must be an old country saying that if a person moves before the 15th of a month they will move again and again. But if you move after the 15th of a month then you will stay. I guess it holds true because over 50 years later, my sister and I are still here, not at the original place but not very far from it, and still on part of my dad's property.

Our farm had a spring, and our house was the only house that had running water and a full indoor bathroom. I thought we were rich. Although electricity did not arrive in this area until 1946.

I was in Grade 1A in school in Vancouver. When I came to Popcum school I was put into Grade 2. In Vancouver there were over 30 kids in my classroom alone. Imagine my surprise -- here at Popcum there were 20 kids from Grade 1 to Grade 8, all in one room! Mr. Neil Darrough was my teacher from Grade 2 to Grade 7.

Each student from grade 3 on had a turn being janitor for one month. Every morning you brought in a pail of fresh drinking water from Mr. Cameron's place across the road, made a fire in the big stove and kept it going on cold days; swept out the school, cleaned the blackboards and blackboard brushes after school. At the end of the month we had to wash the blackboards, wash and oil the floor and give the school a general good dusting. Our mothers usually helped us with the month-end cleaning. For this we got the big sum of \$3.00 a month. I learned how to prime a pump and to light my first match when I was janitor and nine years old.

In school there were two Japanese boys, Tauro and Kaye Suzuki. They had an older brother, Gin, who had already finished grade 8 and was out working. Mr. and Mrs. Suzuki became our very good friends and neighbours. They lived just beyond the Grays on Gray Road. Then one day, during the war years, they were gone -- simply vanished, no one knew where. It was many years later that I found out the why's and wherefores of their disappearance. They were Japanese and had to leave.

In 1936 my mom was sick almost all year. Then one cold wintery day, December 28, to be exact, mom had to be in bed all day long. My dad, Uncle Sam and I had to milk the cows and do all the chores. Daddy even had to cook lunch and supper. Mrs. Thompson who lived just past Popcum school was called in and Dr. Wilson came. That evening my uncle told me that I had a baby sister. My sister Anne - another surprise for me.

The nearest store was Archibald's store in Rosedale. Mom and I would walk to Rosedale for groceries and the mail, on the rough, gravelly road. There were seven hills we had to walk up and down between house and store. You can imagine how long it seemed for a little girl of eight. My dad never did have a car so when I got older my bike put on many miles.

Gallagher's bus played an important part in our lives. The bus travelled from and to Hope everyday and twice on Saturdays, dropping the mail off at Archibald's store.

Saturdays my dad would go to the Auction barn in Chilliwack, which was situated just back of where the Bank of Montreal sits now, off Five Corners. I milked two cows night and morning during my high school years so I could go to the show in Chilliwack on Saturday night. I never missed that midnight bus.

Popcum Hall was built the year I was 11 and we walked to and from the dances held there. All my school friends, Pat Kennett, Lois Bessette, Jean Munro, Helen Ennis, Marjorie Sprenkle and I learned to dance and square dance at Popcum Hall.

Mr. Warneboldt's Lodge had a swimming pool and for 25¢ we would spend all Sunday afternoon swimming there. A hike to Bridal Veil Falls became a ritual on Sunday afternoons also.

In 1940 my dad bought another piece of property from Mrs. Mina Thompson - 24 acres on the corner of what is now called Bunker and Thompson Roads. This was used for extra pasture and hay. As there was no water on this property we had to chase the cows to water each day. My husband, Malcolm and I have made our home on this piece of property. Our two girls, Lynda and Cheryl were born in Vancouver, but our son Ken, was born here. Ken and his wife Kathy have made their home on 3 acres of this property.

My sister Anne and her husband Jack Klassen, farmed the farm after Mom and Daddy retired. Their 3 children were born there, Jackie, Karen, and Crystal. When big farming came into effect, Anne's husband went logging, and then in 1978 Brian Minter saw their farm, bought it, and it became Minter Gardens. How my dad used to fight with the blackberries, stumps and rocks. How I wish they were alive to see the farm today!

In 1945 Popcum school was closed; bussing became cheaper than maintaining a small school. My dad bought the school property also, as it had once belonged to our farm.

After Mom and Daddy retired they moved in with Uncle Sam and spent their last years with him. Mom passed away in 1969 after a cancer operation. She was 70. Daddy was 86 when he passed away in 1973.



Three generations: Anne Klassen, Mrs. P. Ludchak, Mary Person, Crystal, Karen, Jackie Klassen, Cheryl, Lynda and Kenny Person, in front of Lynda.

## THE McCORMICKS

by Florence (McCormick) Knorborg

Charles McCormick and Ida Alice Tribe, left Colchester County of Essex in the Province of Ontario, June 3rd, 1879, and were well established in Olds, Alberta by 1894. They travelled by covered wagon and encountered bands of Indians several times along the way across Canada. Once the horses had to go without water for 3 days. They had many additional hardships before they reached their destination.

They were married in Olds by Rev. Samis and took up a homestead eleven miles northeast of Olds. They had a family of seven children.

A son was stillborn in 1894. Two years later, a daughter Elsie, was born at Olds on April 11th, 1896. Three years later, a daughter Mable, Sept. 11, 1899, at Olds, and on August 27th, 1901, a daughter Lillie, was born at Olds. They moved from Olds, Alberta, to Cloverdale, B.C. in 1903 or 1904. A daughter Georgina, was born there on Feb. 5, 1905. Then in 1906, they moved to Rosedale and a daughter, Emily, was born on June 25th, 1907. Five years later, a daughter Florence, was born on April 20th, 1912. We all grew up in Rosedale. My father owned a lot of land there, and sold 4 acres to the Rosedale Athletic Club for a ball park on February 10, 1910. It is still the ball park there today. The original bill of sale signed by my father, is in the Club's record book. We had three acres of land situated on the east side of town. My father farmed it and grew hay for our horse and cow. We had an orchard and a garden. My sister, Mable's house is still there, across the road from where we lived.

Charles McCormick was a member of the Board of the Union Church. My sister, Georgina, went in training for a nurse at the Royal Jubilee Hospital in Victoria on March 1st, 1924. She was well-known, also, for her ability to recite. Our near neighbors were Alec Mercer, Stinsen Mercer, Hopcrofts, Hendersons and Bennetts.

I used to take two baskets of fresh eggs, one in each hand, on my bicycle to Archibald's store and trade them for groceries. We used to play baseball at school, and they called me 'Babe Ruth' because I hit so many home-runs. I was also a good runner.

Our whole family would go on picnics to Bridal Veil Falls. It was a beautiful place! Mr. Herb Brush grew acres of corn, and in the fall, the whole community would go together close to Bridal Veil Falls and have a picnic and boil the corn in a big water tank. Everyone ate all they could. Herb is also remembered for a rubber-tired, high top buggy. This he drove to Church, drawn by a pair of high-spirited, black horses.

In 1925, our house burned down. My father wasn't home, and mother sent me to find him. The other men had to carry buckets of water from the slough up the hill to throw on the fire. In April 1928, my father sold his land for \$600.00 and moved with my mother, Emily and I, to Pickardville, Alberta, to live with my sister Elsie and family. My father passed away the following year, and Emily and my mother went to Merritt, B.C. to live with my sister, Mable.

My father had a brother, Lewis McCormick who lived

in Rosedale for many years and worked on the railroad track. He was a guide, and took several parties to the top of Cheam peak. My father was a shoe cobbler all the years he lived in Rosedale.

We girls, naturally, had the most up-to-date footwear, high buttoned boots. I remember one time my sisters, Georgina and Elsie were walking along the railroad tracks as everyone used to do. Elsie had on high top, button boots and one foot got stuck between the railroad ties. Suddenly a train appeared 'round the bend. Elsie tugged with all her might but couldn't release her foot. Fortunately, she had the presence of mind to unhook all the buttons and slip out of the boot and jump off the tracks just in time.

I am the only one from my family still living. I married Marinus Knorborg in 1934 and we farmed in the Olds, Alberta district for 43 years. He passed away on June 4, 1978, and I am still living on our farm at Eagle Hill, 19 miles northwest of Olds, Alberta.

## THE LEWIS McCORMICK FAMILY

*by William "Bill" McCormick*

Lewis McCormick came to this area from Montana, U.S.A. in the early years of this century.

Lewis married Miss Ella Francis Husband of Penticton and the couple had a daughter Emily and son William "Bill". The McCormick family lived at 51265 Sache Street and also in the C.N.R. Station, after it ceased to have a resident stationmaster.

Lewis was a railroad section hand all of his working days in Rosedale, in the period when a four-man gang with a foreman had all responsibility for right-of-way maintenance. This work included the placing of ties, spiking of steel rails, maintaining switches and brushing the right-of-way and maintaining the drainage ditches and fences. It was heavy work, with no let-up in all kinds of adverse weather.

The work on the railroad was very time related and unfortunately when that routine was broken by retirement, Lewis passed away within a month. This was in 1941, when he was only 65 years of age. Mrs. Ella McCormick was active in the ladies' groups of Rosedale United Church and was a member of the choir. Mrs. McCormick passed away in 1978 at 78 years of age.

Both Emily and Bill attended Rosedale Elementary School and Emily was the May Queen in 1941. She later married Charles Nazareno (see separate account). Now widowed, Emily (McCormick) Nazareno lives in Coquitlam, B.C.

Bill McCormick enlisted in the Canadian Army and saw active military service and was wounded during World War Two. Bill married and has a family of four sons. He now resides at Mission, B.C. which has been his home for most of the years since his military discharge.

Reminiscing over coffee in 1986 with Frank Chisholm, Charlie Ryder, Harry and Fred Bryant, Bill told of being the paperboy in Rosedale and of receiving a jack knife as a souvenir of the Chicago World's Fair from Mr. Peter Close who with Mrs. Close, had visited the Fair. The knife was a prized possession for many years.

He also spoke of gathering barberry (cascara) bark for

sale. There was a good demand for this bark to be used as a laxative and the local B & K Milling Feed store purchased the dried bark.

Bill joked that he and Frank tried putting in some alder bark, but that Frank's Dad, the store manager, soon "wised up" and made the boys dump out the sacks and sort out the alder. Many a boy and, indeed, families made a few dollars in this way.

Bill and Frank recalled that during the food shortage of the 1935 ice storm, that families used middlings, a feed product of wheat, to make bread, with some success.

## MURDOCH MACDONALD AND FAMILY

*information from Jean (MacDonald) Finley and Betty MacDonald*

Murdoch MacDonald and his wife Marion came to the Rosedale area in 1932 from Medicine Hat, Alberta. Mr. MacDonald had retired after twenty years with the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. With them were their son Allan, born in 1919, and daughter Jean, two years younger.

They bought a farm at 8964 Annis Road where they lived and farmed until 1946. They then moved to Marble Hill Road, and later to Abbotsford about 1962, where they lived until Mr. MacDonald's death in 1970 and Mrs. MacDonald's death in 1973.

Allan and Jean attended Rosedale Elementary School and Chilliwack High School, with Allan completing Senior Matriculation in 1937. He joined the armed forces in 1940, Stanley Park 31st Heavy Battery, RCA(AF). In 1943 in the U.K. he married Elizabeth Cassidy who was born in Glasgow, Scotland. Shortly after, his unit was assigned to Europe and he saw service in Italy and Holland. Discharged in 1945, he returned with Betty to B.C. where he secured a position with Canada Customs in 1947, living in Abbotsford and continuing in this service until retirement in 1976. Allan died suddenly in his retirement year, leaving Betty who continues to live in Abbotsford, with a family of two daughters.

Jean enjoyed the honour of being chosen May Queen in Rosedale in 1935. She did not remain in the area after completing school. Married and later widowed, she comments now that she has moved about twelve times to various points in Alberta, B.C. and California, but she believes that she is finally settled on Gabriola Island, B.C.

## SAMUEL McELWEE AND FAMILY

*information from Ian McElwee*

Sam McElwee (1868-1950) was born in Paisley, Scotland, and served in the British Army. His first wife, Agnes, died in 1899 when their son John R. "Ian" was born.

In Canada, in Antler, Saskatchewan, he married Mrs. Frances Hamilton and came to B.C. in 1909. Frances was born in Paisley, Scotland, in 1865. Her first husband was of the family of Sir James Hamilton who managed the Yorkshire Insurance and Trust Company. In 1905 she emigrated to Canada as a widow with her daughter Ruby.

In Rosedale in 1911, Sam McElwee purchased 20.7 acres at the location now designated 9008 McElwee Road. The road was only a trail at that date, although recognized in surveys, it was not opened as a public road until about 1930. It was assigned the McElwee name, appropriately enough in view of the number of times Ian had traversed it on foot to and from Rosedale School. Road access to the farm until this time was by a short link from the eastern end of Chilliwack Central Road.

The present residence on the property existed when the McElwees arrived, along with an established orchard



*Sam McElwee Family.*

and plantings of small fruits. Sam contracted to collect milk from producers along the Chilliwack Central Road and haul by team and wagon (later a Ford truck) to the Edenbank Creamery in Sardis or to the Borden Creamery in South Sumas which was even more distant. This was evidently a full-time occupation and Ruby Hamilton, who made her home with the McElwees, assumed a good share of the farm work including care of large flocks of poultry. A cousin of Ruby's, Arthur Hamilton, lived with the family for a short time, then in Rosedale for a period around 1920, then moved to Cloverdale where he operated a retail business. He was active in the community, sang in the church choir, and was secretary-treasurer of the Rosedale Athletic Club as early as 1913.

It is recounted that Sam at one time employed a colored man who had come looking for work, in clearing along the road right-of-way. The hired hand expected to bunk in the barn, but Sam, of firm principle, insisted that he eat at the same table as the family and sleep under the same roof.

The McElwees were faithful supporters of the Rosedale United Church after Union, and Mrs. McElwee was a member of the Women's Missionary Society and the Ladies' Aid.

Mrs. Frances McElwee died in 1934. The farm was sold to the Clegg family in 1936. Ruby Hamilton married at about this time to Gordon McQueen of Burnaby, and Sam made his home with them until his death in 1950. Ruby died recently (1986) in Burnaby at age 96.

Ian has the distinction of having fought with the



*Ruby Hamilton's wedding to Gordon McQueen at McElwee home.*

Canadian forces in the two major wars of his generation. Following the first war, as a student minister, on Upper Arrow Lake, B.C., he met Gladys L. Gash whose parents had moved to Burton from Calgary in 1921. They operated a store, in which Gladys served as postmistress. She and Ian were married in Calgary two years later.

Ian and Gladys had a family of three: son Bill who is an engineer on the Burlington and Northern Railway, and daughters Irene and Kathleen. They can now count twelve grandchildren and fourteen great-grandchildren.

In addition to his service as a minister, Ian had been an

*Below: McElwee Farm in early days. Note size of trees.*



insurance agent and store manager. He and Gladys are now living in retirement in Burnaby. He enjoys a visit to the old farm, seeing "the old maple trees my dad planted approximately 75 years ago, in front of the original old house ..."

## PATRICK McGRATH AND FAMILY

*C. V. Ryder and Dorothy (Caine) McGrath*

Patrick McGrath (1838-1919) would in present terms be described as a mover and shaker. In his own period he was probably referred to as a cantankerous Irishman -- with some respect. The family name is preserved in McGrath Road which runs due north-south through Rosedale. In earlier years it was designated Rosedale Avenue, and McGrath Road was the road leading eastward from the intersection with Camp Slough Road a short distance to the original McGrath home, thence further to the river, the second McGrath home, and McGrath's Landing. The change in road names was made some time after 1910 when, in fact, no McGrath family was living on Rosedale Avenue.



*Walter and his father, Patrick McGrath.*

Born in Belleville, Ontario, in 1838, of Irish-born parents, Patrick McGrath is believed to have come to the Chilliwack area in the early 1880's. Little is known of his activities in the intervening years, but a small hint appears in an interview by a Chilliwack Progress reporter in the August 17, 1910, issue which states "Pat McGrath can be said to have spent a good part of his life in boat building in different parts of the Dominion ... Along with two partners he built the first of what is now known as

the famous and popular Peterboro canoe. The first canoe was built at Lakefield, Ontario...." In this early enterprise his name was associated with the recognized name of Gordon, but confirmation of this association has not been found.

When he came to the Chilliwack area he was unmarried and without dependents or recognized close associates. Before long he had established himself as a building contractor, undertaking numerous contracts and hiring workmen as required. For some years he owned a workshop on Mill Street, sold in 1908, to a Mr. Laughlin (presumably Jack Laughlin).

There is one reference in a directory of the period which indicates that Patrick McGrath lived in the Cheam area. In that area, recently come from Ontario, was the Vallance family. This family was stricken by the death of husband, father and provider James Vallance. Patrick McGrath married the widowed Mrs. Vallance, acquiring thereby a young family of three sons and four daughters. Mrs. Vallance, born, Grace Elizabeth Schneider, in Germany, was a daughter of Mrs. Joseph Brannick Sr. and a sister of Ludwig Schneider (late Snyder). An account of the Brannick and Snyder families is contained in the first chapter of Mary E. Hickman's history of East Chilliwack "The Early Days".

A son, Walter McGrath, was born in 1887, and a daughter Helen in 1890. The oldest Vallance son, David, died by drowning in 1887 at age sixteen.

In 1888, Patrick McGrath pre-empted District Lot 468. Some records in the Vallance family suggest that James Vallance had taken some preliminary steps toward pre-emption, but records in the Surveyor General Branch of the Ministry of Forests and Lands in Victoria show original pre-emption by Patrick McGrath in 1888. Lot 468 consisted of 155 acres, bounded on the north by the south bank of the main branch of Camp Slough, on the west by the present McGrath Road, and on the east by the present Bustin Road.

For the next five years Patrick McGrath was a homesteader. This does not imply that he was a farmer, as his interests did not lie in farming. He constructed a home a short distance east of the present McGrath and Camp Slough Road intersection. The two Vallance sons were at this time too young to be of help, and it is possible that the land clearing was done by hire or contracted out. It is possible that the heavy cedar timber was marketable by its proximity to the river, for routing to New Westminster sawmills, but this is conjecture. Certainly Patrick McGrath did not discontinue his building activities; it was within this period that he constructed the first Rosedale School, in 1890.

When title was obtained by Crown Grant in 1893, a 30-acre island portion between the two branches of Camp Slough was sold to Joseph Banks (later re-purchased by Patrick McGrath in 1960), and a 50-acre eastern portion was sold to stepson-in-law, Milton Gilbert who had married the oldest of the Vallance daughters. This portion was sold to the Cory Ryder family in 1896.

In 1898 the Province of B.C. awarded a contract to Alex A. Cruikshank of Chilliwack for construction of the initial two-mile portion of the Chilliwack dyke, including the dams stopping the entrances to Hope Slough and

Camp Slough. Patrick McGrath was foreman in charge of one of two camps, and personally directed the construction of the Camp Slough dam.

The first involvement of McGrath family with Agassiz-Rosedale ferry operations was in 1901, when the two Vallance sons and Walter McGrath, aged twenty-one, sixteen and fourteen respectively, provided a seasonal ferry service on request. They used a rowboat, small scow and horse, and were restricted to periods when river levels were low. This ended in 1907, when Gill and Ryder introduced a motor launch. The name "McGrath's Landing" was thus established and remained the Rosedale terminus of the ferry until 1922. Also in 1907, Patrick McGrath sold two farms of about 35 acres each to the two Vallance brothers, retaining only the 30 acres which he had repurchased from Joseph Banks. As the McGrath home was now on the John Vallance farm, he built a new home a few paces from the Fraser and outside the dyke in defiance of the river.

In 1908, Patrick McGrath, then 70 years of age, announced that he was building a motor launch for service on the river, aided by son Walter. This craft, the "Lady Fraser" was launched in 1909 and was rowed and poled downstream to New Westminster for installation of a 15 horsepower engine. In 1910 Walter McGrath took over the operation of the ferry service with government franchise and subsidy, and assistants, Ben Forrester and Bill Thompson.

In 1914 the McGraths announced completion of a second launch, larger and of 30 horsepower rating. This replaced the "Lady Fraser" which was sold to Luke Gibson and was in use at Hope for many years thereafter. (See photographs in the history "Forging a New Hope".) The second launch, of which the name of registration have remained elusive, was the McGrath ferry until 1922.

Walter McGrath raised a family in the McGrath home beside the river. In their final years Patrick and Grace lived separately, but in the Rosedale area, until their deaths: Patrick in 1919 and Grace in 1923.

WALTER McGRATH attended Camp Slough School and served an apprenticeship under the tutelage of his father. He acquired an early knowledge of the Fraser River working with John and Matt Vallance, in an early ferry service capable of transporting carriages, powered by muscles of man and horse. In 1908, he helped his father to build a launch at the landing site, and in 1910, he took over the ferry service under a provincial government contract. This operation required some versatility, as the operator had to improvise and maintain his own landing facilities. A second launch replaced the first in 1914 (see Patrick McGrath account).

About 1911 Walter married Irene Tuytens who was born in Belgium in 1889 and whose family had located in Agassiz. Her three brothers remained in the Agassiz area, engaged in farming and quarrying.

Walter and Irene's first son Benjamin (Ben) was born in 1912, followed by daughter Aline in 1916 and sons Wilfred (Bill) in 1917 and Harold (Harry) in 1920. The family continued to live in the Patrick McGrath home beside the river until 1916, when Walter constructed a new home nearby, the location now identified as 51691 Ferry Road. Like his father, he defied the river by



Walter and Irene McGrath with baby, Ben, and Matt Vallance in front of their first home.



Walter and Irene McGrath and family: Aline, Ben, Harold and Wilfred.

building outside the dyke.

The ferry contract required re-tendering periodically. Walter was successful in obtaining renewals although letters of complaint regarding inadequate ferry service were addressed to the provincial government, principally from Agassiz sources. One of these in March, 1917 described the ferryman as "unamiable". This rather strange criticism may have been directed at Walter who at no time posed as a glad-hander with the anecdote for every passenger, or may have been shared with his alternate skipper Bill Thompson. In March 1956 a delegation to Victoria was promised a free ferry service by Premier William Bowser -- evidently a politically-inspired promise. In March 1917, tenders were called for a free ferry service operating entirely on a fixed subsidy and crossing whenever signalled between 7:00 am and 8:00 pm. Walter failed to win the contract, but was back in business, little more than a year later, two other operators having failed and abandoned their contracts. This sequence reflects favourably on Walter's competence; amiable he may not have been but competent he was.

The McGrath ferry service ended with the arrival of the

government-owned and - operated ferry "Sea Wolf" in June 1922. Notified in advance, Walter decided to leave the river and provide a needed service in Rosedale in the form of a garage and service station. At that date Peter Close had a gasoline pump in front of his general store and sold lubricants, but the community did not have facilities for automobile repair or maintenance. The garage was constructed by Aitken Brothers in 1921, a concrete-walled building which stands today on Yale Road, with adjacent residence. Thus began the McGrath presence in the business life of Rosedale, to be continued by the McGrath sons.

In the years 1925 and 1926 Walter made an interesting



Rosedale Garage 1939. Bill McGrath, Milfred (Buck) Buckingham, Ron Archibald.

contribution to community service, by clearing the garage building, and making it available as an auditorium for the public school Christmas concerts, organized by the teachers and the Parent Teacher's Association. This was at a time when Rosedale lacked a community hall, having only the privately-owned Somers Hall, formerly the livery stable, which presented safety hazards.

From the late '20s, Walter owned and operated one or more dump trucks driven by himself and his sons,

hauling gravel and rock. The family also acquired ownership or leases of gravel pits in the Popkum area. As late as 1943, Walter purchased 30 acres of hillside Crown land for a source of broken rock for riverbank protection.

In 1948, Walter, and his sons were hailed as heroes in their action in the flood crisis. Walter recognized a state of extreme urgency in the menace to the dykes and proceeded to reinforce a vulnerable section with all the resources available to him without waiting for authorization from provincial officials or assurance of compensation. This action was widely credited with averting a calamitous rupture of the dyke.

Walter was not a man of hobbies, but he enjoyed hunting and in his active years was a member of a number of deer hunting excursions in the hinterlands. Irene was an active community worker, and a charter member and frequent hostess of the Rosedale Women's Institute, also an active member of Red Cross. Walter died in 1951, and Irene in 1962.

*Ben McGrath* is remembered as a youth for roaring around the local roads on a motorcycle, in company with Don Archibald, who represented one of the few other local families, who could afford to so indulge their sons. Ben also drove a "bug", constructed in the family garage. This was a stripped-down Model T Ford with a racing-style body and some mechanical changes to improve performance -- an earlier version of customizing. On maturing, Ben developed an outgoing personality and a talent for enterprise. He is quoted as saying on one occasion "There are so many business opportunities out there that you simply can't pick up on all of them." He established a business as regional distributor for Home Oil, serving retail outlets and farms of the upper valley. In 1937 he purchased the Braithwaite building on the northwest corner of McGrath and Yale Roads, demolished it and built a service station with coffee shop and rental cabins. When the four-lane Trans Canada Highway was opened in the late 1950's, Ben operated a service station and restaurant at the intersection with Highway 9 in Popkum. This has since been removed for highway widening. At this time he built a fine new home on part of the old school property, now identified as 51318 Yale Road. In the late 1930's he sponsored a Rosedale baseball team in what was known as the "Twilight League". He was a member of the ATA (Truckers) Association, the Rosedale Athletic Club and Chilliwack Elks Lodge.

He married Ruth Chadsey of Chilliwack, and the couple had two sons, Donald and Robert, neither of whom is now a local resident.

Ben cannot be said to have retired, but died suddenly in 1970. Ruth lives in Chilliwack.

*Aline McGrath*, (or Eileen as she was known in her school years) attended St. Patrick's High School for Girls in Vancouver after elementary school in Rosedale. Mrs. Asmundson has lived for many years in Davis, California.

*Wilfred (Bill) McGrath* worked with his father in the garage business after elementary school, drove his father's early trucks, and developed a trucking business of his own, supplying gravel and related products. In his

earlier years, he was catcher of a succession of Rosedale baseball teams. He did not marry, and lived in the family home in Rosedale until his unexpected death in 1970 only ten days apart from that of his brother Ben. His business was taken over by George Armstrong, who had been working with Bill, and continues successfully as Armstrong Sand and Gravel.

*Harold (Harry) McGrath* attended Chilliwack High School and was of appropriate age to enter the armed forces after 1940. He served in Europe and Africa, and after his return was also engaged in trucking, principally for Home Oil. He married Dorothy Caine (see Brannick) and they had a family of three: sons Martin and Patrick and daughter Marion. In 1951 they built a new home at 51751 Yale Road. Like his brothers Harold died early, in 1976. Dorothy lives in Chilliwack, and Martin is the only McGrath remaining in Rosedale, engaged in the automotive repair business, a tidy hundred years since Patrick McGrath first came to the area.

## THE ALLAN BELL MCKAY FAMILY

by Chester and Gordon McKay

Allan Bell McKay was born in Glasgow, Scotland on Sept. 1, 1882. When he was six years of age (following the death of his father) he was brought to Canada, along with an older brother of nine years, in the company of a youth not much older than themselves. Little is known of the circumstances surrounding the arrival in Canada, except that conditions in Scotland were very hard for the young widow, who parted with her two young sons hoping that they would have opportunity in Canada.

It is believed that Allan McKay grew up in the Manitoba area. On March 24th, 1915 he married Miss Jane Gertrude Thomas of Hartney, Manitoba.

About 1917, the couple moved to South Vancouver. They brought with them their son Gordon and daughter Florence. While they lived in Vancouver two sons were born -- Charles Russell in 1920 and Chester in 1921.

Allan McKay found work in the sawmills of the Vancouver area. He became a business partner with a Jack Lang in the milling venture at Cheam View in the mid 1930's. For several years Allan and his son Gordon worked in the mill getting it set up while the family remained in Vancouver. It was hard work at Cheam View and they had to batch under poor living conditions. No doubt both looked forward to returning to Vancouver on the weekends, but, the road was slow and conditions often poor. The trip would take about four hours each way.

By 1937 Lang was out of the mill and Allan's family moved to Cheam View. Russell joined Gordon in helping at the mill and Chester followed after finishing school in Vancouver.

The sawmill was located on land which was leased from Edmond Hess. The McKays suffered a serious loss in the 1937-38 winter season when the dry kilns were destroyed by fire.

On March 13, 1937 a company, *Indian Hardwood Ltd.*, (Incorp. No. 15621) was formed. At that time only hardwood was processed and much of the log supply



*Indian Hardwood Mill at Cheam View, B.C.*

came from Indian reservations. It was not until 1948 that the operation changed to milling softwoods. The company purchased a tract of land, 160 acres, on the hillside just below and to the east of Elk Falls in the Nixon Hill area of Rosedale. This supplied, for many years, most of the timber processed at the mill. The past number of years mostly cedar has been utilized. The finished product is mostly shipped by truck to points both east and west.

Allan McKay managed the mill for some eight years. He passed away on April 25, 1943 at only 60 years of age. His widow, Mrs. Gertrude McKay continued her involvement with her sons in the business for a number of years prior to her retirement to McGrath Rd. in Rosedale in 1962. She passed away on January 2nd, 1976.

Both Allan Bell and Jane Gertrude McKay are buried in the I.O.O.F. Cemetery in Chilliwack, B.C.

Daughter Florence McKay died an accidental death in 1956.

Their son, Gordon McKay, married Doris Munro, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stan Munro of Clinton, B.C. The couple have two sons, Ian of Vancouver Island and Allan of Williams Lake and a daughter, Lynne Larson of Chilliwack. Gordon left the milling operation in 1958 and worked as a consultant in designing golf courses. Gordon and Doris now reside in Chilliwack.

Son Russell married Mary Gray of Popkum in 1940. They moved to Cheam View to live. About 10 years later, Russell decided to buy the farm owned by Mr. Hess, on which the mill was located. Russell and Mary have two sons, Charles L. and Clifford Brian. Charles (Chuck) married Joyce Schile in 1960 and has two sons, Lesley and Jeff, who both live in the Rosedale area. Russell passed away in September 1962 at Cheam View. After his death his son Charles (Chuck) took his place in the mill operation. Mary carried on farming and raising beef cattle at Cheam View. In 1963, the mill property was purchased from Mary by *Indian Hardwoods Ltd.* Mary moved to Hope in 1975 after selling a portion of her farm. The balance of her property was sold to the Highways Department in 1985.

Son Chester married Doreen Muirhead daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Muirhead of Rosedale on

November 25th, 1944. The couple had two daughters. Daughter Pamela married Richard Higginson and Heather married his brother, Robert Higginson. Both families reside in Sardis, B.C. Chester retired from the partnership with his nephew Charles in 1981 and the company was re-organized as *Indian Hardwoods 1981 Ltd.* Shareholders are now Charles and Joyce McKay. After living in Rosedale for many years, Chester and Doreen now live in retirement at Sardis, B.C.

In 1985 the Cheam View property was purchased by the Department of Highways for construction of a four-lane Trans Canada Highway and the mill was relocated to a site adjacent to the highway in Popkum.

In 1987 this family-owned business completed fifty years of operation.

## GEORGE McKENZIE

*by Dora (Seed) McKenzie*

George McKenzie came to Rosedale in April, 1933, from Dalinda, Saskatchewan, to join his friend, Bob Freeman. George worked in the bush and on construction work, he also built a house at 8904 McElwee Road. He married Dora Seed in 1934.

George and his brother, Dan, (just out of the Air Force) bought out Lem Hays Construction and formed McKenzie Bros. Construction in 1946, which they ran until they both retired in 1969. In those 33 years they built many buildings around the area, including Vedder School, A.D. Rundle School, the Chilliwack United Church, the Woolworth's store and much of the Coliseum complex.

George was a Director of the Rosedale Athletic Club, and is a Charter member of the Chilliwack Golf & Country Club and did much to help in the original



*Dora (Seed) McKenzie and her mother, Mrs. Seed.*

building of the course. He is a past president of the Curling Club and a Life member. George is also a Life member of the Elks Lodge No. 48 of Chilliwack, while Dora is a Life member of the Chilliwack Hospital Auxiliary.

George and Dora have one son, Herbert, who attended Rosedale Elementary School and is now in construction work. Herb married Rose Marie Dent in 1957, and they have three daughters: Deborah, a Doctor of Research, married Judd Aiken and is living in the U.S.A., Sandra is married to Greg Monkman. They have a son, Shane. Janet is a teacher at Cultus Lake, and married to Ross Hall.

In 1988, George and Dora McKenzie live in retirement in Chilliwack.

## SEED

*by Dora (Seed) McKenzie*

Herbert and Lily Seed and daughter Dora, came to Rosedale from Dalinda, Saskatchewan in July, 1934. They bought 10 acres from Bob Freeman and built a house at 8920 McElwee Road. Here they started a poultry farm, which they operated until Herbert's death in June of 1951.

Mrs. Seed sold the farm to Nels Jensen, who had to move the house further north on the parcel when the 401 Freeway was put through. Mrs. Seed lived with her daughter Dora and son-in-law until her death in 1967. Dora married George McKenzie in St. Peters Anglican Church, Rosedale, in August, 1934.



*Theodosia and James McLeod.*

## THE JAMES McLEOD FAMILY

*by Jim McLeod*

James McLeod and his wife, Theodosia (Ernest) McLeod (1877-1958) came from New Brunswick to live in Rosedale about 1910.

They lived on a small fifteen acre farm at the southwest

corner of Camp River and McGrath Roads, at what is now 10901 McGrath Road. James McLeod is known to have been a logger and to have worked in the woods of this area. Mrs. McLeod was an active member of the Presbyterian Church and served as president of the Ladies Aid Society in its early years.

An adopted daughter, Beatrice, born in 1911, grew up in the Rosedale area. She later married a man with the same surname, Maxwell McLeod, son of the pioneer John McLeod family of the Castleman Road area.

After the death of James, Theodosia married Jack



*Max and Beatrice McLeod.*

Munro. This couple lived in North Surrey, B.C. Jack predeceased his wife, Theodosia, who died in 1958.

Max and Beatrice had a family of six children: three sons, James, Lloyd and Malcolm and three daughters, Faye, Claudia and Hazel.

Max and Beatrice lived and operated a trucking business in Chilliwack for over 20 years, hauling for the Fraser Valley Milk Producers Association. They moved to Laidlaw in 1949. Some time later they separated. At this time Beatrice worked as a camp cook in the logging camps throughout central B.C. She passed away in 1977, at 66 years of age, in Quesnel, B.C.

James McLeod had a brother Bill who was also a logger and lived in the Rosedale area. All that is known about him is that he was married and had a daughter Betty.

## JOHN McLEOD AND FAMILY

*information from Marian Chapman and Doris Fraser*

John McLeod (1860-1949) was born in Ripley, Bruce County, Ontario, and came to the Rosedale area after the flood of 1894, with his wife Margaret (1864-1928) and family. They settled on property on Yale Road east, across from the Hendersons, later owned by the Tribe family and now 51710 Yale East. His sister Mary became Mrs. Isaac Henderson. Another sister, Etta, came with

her husband Donald Matheson in 1910 to live in the same vicinity.

John McLeod, a blacksmith, operated a blacksmith shop in Chilliwack from 1892. This business was discontinued when he moved from Yale Road to a farm at the junction of the present Castleman and McLeod roads about 1903, but he continued to provide blacksmithing services on the farm for neighbours and friends.

The family consisted of three sons and four daughters, all but one remained local residents.

Donald, born 1893, operated a farm in Langley for his uncle during the 1914-18 war, then returned to Camp Slough where he bought and operated his own farm. He married Claudia McDonald of Chilliwack. Their son Barry is in Prince Rupert.

May, twin of Donald, married Andy Ferguson and lived in the former Castleman home on Castleman Road at Gillanders. They had a family of two. Donald (Mrs. Henry) Cooper is deceased. Jean Ferguson lives in Rosetown, Saskatchewan.

Max, born 1895, married Beatrice McLeod, adopted daughter of James M. McLeod (unrelated) who was also for some time a Rosedale resident. Their family included sons James, and Malcolm, and daughters, Hazel McMillan and Claudia Cleveland, all of Prince George, daughter Faye Taylor of Sorrento, B.C., and son Lloyd of Vancouver. Max was engaged in the trucking business, in the transport of milk for FVMPA between Sardis and Vancouver.

Edward, born 1897, found interest in a variety of enterprises and occupations, in trucking, dealing in cattle and firewood, selling real estate, and owning racehorses. He married Clara Dolman, daughter of a district family. They had one daughter, Rae Skuce of Coquitlam.

Isabel, born 1899, married Stanley Hill (1888-1962). This couple left the district in 1918 to farm in Saskatchewan, returning in 1949. Their early residence was in Camp Slough, and the later residence on Prest Road. They had a family of nine:

- sons Howard and Earl, of Rosetown, Saskatchewan
- son Clifford of Calgary (deceased)
- son Gerald of Kamloops



*L to r: Max McLeod, Elwood Edmondson Sr., Isabel (McLeod) Hill, and Evan Edmondson.*

- daughter Doris, who married Robert Fraser from Grande Prairie, Alberta. They operated a meat market in Chilliwack for many years, and reside in Chilliwack.
- son Cecil of Kelowna
- son Garfield of Calgary
- daughter Lorraine of Chilliwack
- daughter Norma of Langley

Ethel, born 1901, married Arnold Hill of Vancouver. They had a family of five: Geraldine (Mrs. Henry) Dayton, Leslie Arnold, Audrey Jean, Shirley Margaret, and Douglas James, all of Vancouver.

Laura, born 1904, married Jack Hill, brother of Stanley Hill. They had a family of three sons and two daughters.

## WM. McMILLAN AND TOM FARROW FAMILIES

*related to F. Bryant by Mrs. Florence McMillan*

As far as is known there are three generations of William John McMillan's all only sons and only children.

The first Wm. J. McMillan lived in Oshawa, Ont. where with his wife he had an only child Wm. J. McMillan. After the death of the elder McMillan, Mrs. McMillan married a veteran of the first World war - Mr. Tom Farrow. The newly married Farrows with young William McMillan moved west and purchased a forty acre parcel of land, just on the other side of the Township of Chilliwack boundary and to the south of Rosedale.

In those early days what roadway there was after leaving Nevin Rd. was just a dirt trail through the bush. At that time the neighbours were the Harry Mercer family, Harry Harrison and the Kerrs. Later when the road was constructed by the Dept. of Highways of the B.C. Government it was given the name McMillan Rd.

Less than ten acres of this ranch type farm was on the flat and the rest was up a steep incline covered by timber, mostly maple, alder and birch with some fir and hemlock.

It was during the great Depression and work was hard to come by, but a meagre living was gained by selling wood and working for farmers in the area. They had milk, eggs and poultry plus a good garden.

To obtain work Bill McMillan went to Vancouver where he met and married Florence Dunlop of Lillooet in 1929. At the same time the young couple moved to Rosedale to live on the farm of his mother and step-father, the Farrows. It was while living in Rosedale that their only child William John McMillan was born. About 1935 following the death of Tom Farrow, the farm was sold and the McMillans moved to Sardis to gain employment.

Subsequently Mrs. Farrow married Allen Cameron and the couple lived in the area for a number of years.

The third Wm. J. McMillan is remarried and engaged in a successful cattle ranch farming operation at Quesnel, B.C.

After three generations the cycle was broken and Bill and Ilene (Carey) McMillan have a daughter Brenda Gosse of Sardis and Dianna, Mrs. Jim Kjenstad of Hope, B.C.

Florence McMillan now resides at Bradley Centre of Chilliwack General Hospital and she is blessed with a good memory and a cheery smile. She loves to talk about early days and enjoys her roommates and grandchildren and neighbours who come to visit.

## THE McNAIR FAMILY

*by Emma (McNair) Maitland*

In 1915 N.J. David McNair arrived from Tynehead, B.C. and took up residence in Rosedale, with his wife, Jennie and two daughters, Edna Pearl, five, and Emma Myrtle, two. Along with his brother-in-law, Stafford Graham, he built and operated a shingle mill.

In 1917 Nathaniel Wesley was born. Clara Lenore was born in 1919 and Hilda Vivian in 1922. Dawn Marie (adopted) was born in 1938. The family remained in Rosedale until 1939, when they moved to Chilliwack.



*David and Jennie McNair with Pearl and Emma at their house on Ford Road.*

*Below: The McNair Shingle Mill.*





*Vivian, Lenore, Wesley, Emma and Pearl McNair.*

The home at 9810 Ford Rd., where Wesley, Lenore and Vivian were born is still occupied and in good condition.

Some of our early memories are of the cold snowy winters. One in 1918 was exceptional and ended with a very bad ice storm.

At this time the McGrath bridge was out, so a detour was used by the Anglican Church. Violet Close, Alva Fraser and Pearl attempted to get home from school in the early afternoon of this storm. Violet lost her "Christie biscuit" (5 lb.) pail over the side of the bank. Three tearful little girls spent over half an hour trying to retrieve this valuable lunch bucket until the older children overtook them and assisted them homeward over the slippery terrain. Very anxious parents sent Hazel Fraser out to bring home the overdue children. When they finally reached home the raincoats stood up stiffly by themselves on the front porch.

We all enjoyed the swimming pond, located on Camp River Rd., where we managed to stay clear of the blood suckers, mosquitoes and tangled weeds on the bottom of the pool. Our dressing rooms were the nearby bushes.

Around 1926 we moved to a building at the corner of McGrath and Yale Rds., which originally was a bank, post office and then a butcher shop. We started a restaurant and confectionery. A homemade full course meal was 35¢ and a special chicken dinner on Sundays was 50¢ - overnight lodging was \$1.00.

Pearl, a teacher married W. Bridgeman Bailey and celebrated their golden wedding anniversary in 1981. They live at Ryder Lake and have three daughters Sharon and twins Diane and Dalyn and a son Gregg, eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Emma married J. Stuart Maitland of Sardis. Stuart

died in 1976. They had one son Wesley, and Emma has two grandchildren.

Nathaniel Wesley, a flight Sgt. in the R.C.A.F. during W.W.2, was killed overseas in 1944. He left school at an early age to log up Harrison Lake.

Lenore married Wm. Drader of Rosedale and they have three daughters; twin girls, De Vee and Daryl, and Vivian. They have five grandchildren.

Vivian served as a Wren in W.W.2 in the R.C.N. She married Stan Stachera and they now live in Salmon Arm. They have three daughters, Carol, Gwen and Donna - also three grandchildren.

Dawn was married to Frank Daley, has five sons and two grandsons and lives in Chilliwack.

David McNair died in Chilliwack in 1950 at age 70.

Jennie McNair died in 1976 at age 87.



*Leota and Jack Mace.*

## THE JACK MACE FAMILY

*by Leota Mace*

John A. Mace (Jack) and his father, George, came to Rosedale in 1933 and purchased the Urquhart farm at 50761 Castleman Road. Mr. G. Mace Sr., a teacher, returned to his job in Saskatchewan shortly after. Mrs. Mace Sr., with Ray and Ethel, arrived from New Brunswick later.

Jack loved the farm and also took part in several community affairs, Jack and I, Leota Ober were married in 1940. We bought ten more acres, built a new barn, and with the proceeds from the sale of potatoes, apples, green market corn, and eggs made the farm viable. We brought three beautiful babies home to our cold old house, but no one suffered. Being young and in love made it all fun.

In 1950 we sold the farm and bought the D. Janicki house on Ford Road at Sache Street as Jack had accepted a position with the Dairy Branch of the Provincial



*Doug, John, Cheryl and Patricia Mace at a picnic by the Fraser River.*

Government. We loved Rosedale and would be there yet except that Jack received a promotion too good to pass up. Here we added two more children to our family before we moved to Victoria in 1953. Another baby girl joined our family in 1957. All are grown and out of the nest now. Jack retired in 1972 as head of the Dairy Herd Improvement Program for the province. He was a victim of cancer from which he died in 1977.

His brother, Ray Mace, was killed in a car accident in 1939. Mr. G. Mace Sr. died in 1943 and his wife in 1960. Their daughter Ethel (Aitken) died in 1973.



*Jack Mace and Tommy Cooper, 1940.*



*Robert and Mary Maguire's wedding attended by Jennie Fisher (Mrs. Dave Karr), Walter Stade, and Effie Fisher (Mrs. Jack Karr).*

## ROBERT MAGUIRE FAMILY

*Vietta (Maguire) White*

Robert Maguire came to Rosedale from Alberta around 1900. In 1905 he married Mary Holt, daughter of William and Sophie Holt, pioneers who had settled on the south side of the valley in the Ford Road and Chilliwack Central area. Bob worked in the sawmills and lived in the Holt home at 9605 Ford Road. Mary Maguire passed away in 1912, leaving a two year old daughter Vietta. Mary Maguire is buried in the Holt family plot at Stonewall, Manitoba. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Stade raised Vietta until she was 10 years old.

Bob started working for the CNR on the track laying crew when it came through Rosedale and then worked on the section crew. He had bought 17 acres of land on Willbourn Road west of 51095. Later he rented the farm. One renter was Alex Arthur, and the farm was later sold to C. Skelton who had a nut orchard there.

In 1920 Bob married Violet Grant, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Grant.

Bob worked on the section crew of the CNR at Rosedale, Westwold, Chapman Station and then returned to Rosedale. The family lived in the station house on Railway Street and later moved to a farm holding at the northwest corner of McGrath Road and Nevin Road.

Bob worked for the CNR until his retirement in 1950, then moved to Corbould Street in Chilliwack, later to Vancouver. He passed away in 1955; Violet in 1978. They are buried in Ocean View Cemetery, South Burnaby.

Bob and Violet had three children, Donald, Irven (Spits), and Lorna.

They attended Rosedale School, Chilliwack High School and took part in local activities.

Don served in the Medical Unit of the Army during World War II and later was employed as an orderly at Shaughnessy Hospital, Vancouver. He married Denise Dickinson, an English war bride. They had one child. They are retired and live in Osoyoos, B.C.

Lorna graduated from St. Pauls Hospital as a registered nurse. She married Norman Shearing of Vancouver. They have four girls and one boy. Lorna and Norman are now retired and live at Pitt Meadows, B.C.

Irven worked on coastal and ocean boats out of Vancouver. He married Betty McBride of Vancouver. They have a family of three boys and one girl. Irven and Betty are now retired, living at Osoyoos, B.C.



*Mrs. Violet Maguire, Donald, Lorna, Vietta and Irven.*

## THE WILLIAM MARCHUCK FAMILY

*by John Marchuck*

My family moved from Sturgis, Saskatchewan, to Rosedale in 1928. We bought a small dairy farm located at 9535 Ford Road which was bordered on one side by Dunville Creek, renowned for its fishing. I started my schooling in Grade 2 and completed Grade 8 in 1934. During this period, of course, we had a depression so family involvement, other than staying alive and reasonably happy and healthy, was quite restricted. I participated in all school and community sports as well as being a member of Rev. Turpin's "Tuxis Club" in the United Church even though I attended Mrs. Brush's Anglican Sunday School at that time. Evelyn Johnstone (East Chilliwack) and my sister, Polly, made sure that my chum, Les Johnson, and I attended Sunday School. We tried our best to skip it. Oh, yes, I almost forgot, we moved from Ford Road to a larger farm at 49989 Castleman Road in about 1933. Then in the fall of 1935, we moved to Agassiz and a larger farm.

My human interest area could fill a book but will outline just a bit. My two trips (prior to school in September) with Tom and Roy (Buck) Johnston, Paul Senecal, Harry McGrath, Ronnie Archibald up Mt. Cheam for a week were highlights. A humorous incident to us but not to Harry was this. One Hallowe'en we were lighting our firecrackers and throwing them up in the air, Harry happened to have a package in his jean's back pocket and it ignited somehow. Well, it so happened that a half barrel of water, used for testing inner tubes for leaking, sat just outside of the garage door about 200 feet away. About 20 years ago, we first heard about the six minute mile, I'm sure that if we had timed Harry getting to that barrel, he would have established the record then. Anyway, he was allowed to take his "pillow" to school for quite some

time.

My younger brother Alex also attended Rosedale Elementary School. Today he is a businessman at 100 Mile House, B.C.

## MIKE AND MARY MARKO

*by Mary Person*

Mike and Mary Marko came from Bruce, Alberta. Mary Marko and Sophie Martin had lived in Bruce and both attended school there. After Sophie and Julius Martin had moved to their farm in Popcum, Mary and Mike Marko and their two little girls, Irene and Margaret, came to Rosedale about 1937 and moved into a house and acreage just east of the railroad tracks on Yale Road.



*Irene and Margaret Marko.*

Mr. Marko worked at Britannia Mines for a few years. Mrs. Marko crocheted beautiful tablecloths and bedspreads. Later she went to work at Fraser Vale Frosted Foods, then moved to Vancouver to work there. She passed away in April 1984.

Irene and Margaret attended Rosedale Elementary School. Irene is now in Eugene, Oregon. She and her husband have a stationery store. Margaret lives in Seattle.

After retiring Mr. Marko lived in this same house until his death in February 1973.

Mr. and Mrs. Marko spoke Ukrainian and they became great friends of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Ludchak, having many Sunday dinners at each other's homes.

## THE GUY W. MARSHALL FAMILY

*by Sylvia (Marshall) Duff*

Guy Marshall married Miss Winnifred Olley of England in 1930. This union gave birth to four children,



*The Guy Marshall children.*

Sylvia, David, Pamela and Nancy.

For several years during the great depression while Guy was working as a machinist in Vancouver, the family lived in the big Nevin Farm House at 51440 Nevin Road, Rosedale. Nancy was born in that house. The children remember happy childhood years living in the country. Sylvia and David attended the primary grades of Rosedale Elementary School and attended the Sunday School of St. Peter's Church.

A unique feature of the old house was the spiral staircase and this was always a source of interest to the children of the neighbourhood, with expeditions to the attic. Nancy remembers tumbling down the stairs and receiving a broken collar bone.

During the 1940's, Mrs. Marshall's mother Mrs. Grace Olley with her daughter Miss Gracie Olley also lived in the big Nevin house. Two sets of brothers and sisters came to live with them as evacuee children from the bombing of London and other English cities during the war.

These included Sheila and Kay Hall and Dick and Joan Bradley. These children attended Rosedale School. The Marshall children recall many happy hours playing with the Bryant children on the neighbouring farm.

*1933 - On boat as Reg left for China. Below, Back row, l-r: Reg and Mrs. Anna Bryant, Win and Guy Marshall. Front: Miss Dorothy Marshall.*



George Bryant purchased the Nevin farm from the Percy Bartindales in 1936, as it had been the farm of his mother Mrs. Anna Bryant and his brother Reginald A. Bryant during the 1920's.

The farm was sold in 1952 to Pierre and Iola Sache and the big old house with the spiral staircase was later demolished.



*The G.W. Marshall family.*

## **MR. AND MRS. ALBERT MARTIN**

*Ellen (Martin) Klick*

Mrs. Albert Martin (nee Annie Burton) was born in 1875, in Burton's Prairie, later renamed Hatzic Prairie. She received her public school training at Burton's Prairie School (first school), built by her father in 1882. Later she went to St. Mary's Residential School, Mission, B.C. where she trained as a practical nurse and midwife. When she was 16, she came to Rosedale to nurse Mr. J. Bradley. Her father passed away in 1892 and she returned to Hatzic Prairie; then came back to Rosedale and continued working for the Bradleys until she met my father, Albert Martin.

Albert Martin was born in Ontario in 1846 and in 1892 decided to come west and so worked his way as far as



*Mr. and Mrs. Albert Martin, 1944. Their 50th Wedding Anniversary.*



*The Martin home on McGrath Road South, 1927.*

Rosedale, stopping at Bradley's and there met Annie Burton. They were married in 1894 in St. Thomas Church in Chilliwack by W. Borgh Allen (Vicar) and attended by Charles Brown, husband of her sister Ellen, and Bella Brannick. They built a home in Rosedale somewhere on or near the present Rosedale Baseball Park. After the flood of 1894, they were forced to move, having lost everything, and then built on McGrath Road. They lived there until the CNR decided to put the railway through their land. They bought property at 9717 McGrath Road, moved their house on to it, and lived there for many years, going to school in Rosedale and to high school in Chilliwack. There were ten children:

Annie May (Lawrence) 1895-1975.

A. Leslie 1896-1918 - died in the first world war in France.

Esther (Lewis) lives in Seattle, Washington.

Richard Sidney 1900-1939 worked for years for Archibald's in their store and also drove the school bus which was the delivery van for the store.

John Clifford (1902-1987) lived in Great Falls, Montana with wife Noreen.

Charles Wilfred 1904-1920 killed in a car accident by Chilliwack Mtd.

Robert Lloyd 1906 - lives in Ponoka, Alberta with wife Nellie.

Edith Doris (Jeffrey) 1909-1979 lived all her life on the homestead on McGrath Rd., and taught at Rosedale, East Chwk. and others.

Ellen (Klick) 1912 lives in North Vancouver with husband Henry.

Alyce Mildred (Smith) 1914-1986, lived in Kelowna with husband Cecil.

Dad was away a lot, having to make a living for his family before the boys were old enough to help. Then he bought a team of horses and had the milk route all around Rosedale, hauling to the Edenbank Trading Company in Sardis.

Mother had the mail delivery which she did with a horse and buggy, and she also nursed from Popkum to Chilliwack and Camp Slough to the Mountains. She delivered babies for many families, the Hamiltons, Muirheads, Camerons, Bryants, and many others. She was known as the Mother of Rosedale at one time.

Dad went to the Prairies to homestead in 1921 and returned in 1939. Both Mother and Dad passed away in 1946.

Mrs. Martin is remembered as the lady who helped with the Hot Soup and Cocoa at lunch time at the Elementary School. She was also active in the Ladies Aid of Rosedale United Church and the Rosedale Athletic Club, helping out in the kitchen in a very special way.

Sidney Martin worked for many years prior to his illness with Archibald's store and was the delivery van driver, delivering large boxes of groceries at a time when few families had cars.

Edith (Martin) Jeffery was an Elementary School teacher and taught primary classes at Rosedale, East Chilliwack and Cheam Schools. She organized many school concerts and was well liked by the small children.



*Edith and Alyce Martin on top of Mount Cheam, 1935.*

## JOHN MARTIN FAMILY

*by Blanche (Martin) Mercer*

John Martin was born 10th August 1872 in Berkeley, a little village in Grey County, Ontario. He was the son of Andrew and Margaret (Aitken) Martin.

On the 4th May 1888 in Markdale, Ont., John married Sarah Agnes Hastie, the daughter of Robert and Mary (Moffat) Hastie. Sarah was born 30th January 1873 in Glenelg Township, Grey County, Ontario.

John built homes in and around Markdale. One of these was still in use in 1978 when visited by a great-granddaughter. While working on a home for Thomas Mercer, John heard about B.C. and what a wonderful place it was. Robert Mercer was on a visit from Rosedale and was visiting his brother Thomas.

John and Sarah moved their family to B.C. in August, 1911. Robert Mercer accompanied them on the train. They travelled by CPR and detrained in Agassiz, spending the night at the Hotel. Next morning, Stinson

Mercer arrived to bring them to Rosedale. The family lived in rented quarters on McGrath Road, while John obtained work and looked for a place to settle. He purchased a small parcel of land on the corner of the Bustin and Old Yale Roads and built the family home. They moved into their new house in 1912. It was in this house that the last three children were born, with Mrs. Robert Mercer acting as midwife.

John built numerous homes in the area: - Robert Aitken's on Castleman Road, Colon Munro's on Yale Road, the W.J. Thompson home on Nevin Road. In addition, he built St. Peter's Anglican Church Rectory.

The family moved to New Westminster for awhile in the 1920's, returned to Rosedale and finally sold their home and retired to Wilson Avenue in Burnaby.

John Martin passed away 16th October 1957, and Sarah Agnes on 28th April, 1953. Both are buried in the Ocean View Burial Park, Burnaby, B.C.

The children of John and Sarah Martin are:

Blanche Irene, born 29th August 1900 in Markdale. She married 13th February, 1918, at Steveston, B.C. Stinson Mercer, son of Robert and Mary Elizabeth Mercer. They had 7 children. Stinson passed away 15th April, 1966. Blanche lives in Chilliwack.

John Clarence, born 5th March, 1903, Markdale. Married 19th August, 1923 to Laura Schultz. They have 3 children and reside in Vancouver, B.C.

Alexander Douglas, born 3rd December, 1904, Markdale, married Pat Mable and lives in Victoria, B.C.

James, born 11th March, 1906, Markdale, drowned in Hicks Lake 26th April, 1939.

Mary Margaretta "Reta", born 25th April, 1908, Markdale, married Ellsworth Wayne Brush on 17th October 1925. They had 3 children. They moved to Ontario and farmed near Windsor, later moving to Durham, Ont. where for many years they operated the Rolling Hills Guest Ranch. Wayne passed away in 1982. Reta now lives in Midland, Ont.

Caroline, born 22nd June, 1910, Markdale. In the late 1940's, Caroline lived in Rosedale caring for her uncle, Robert Hastie. In the 1950's, she moved to Swift Current, Saskatchewan, where she still resides.

Robert Burns, born 3rd April, 1912, was the first to be born at Rosedale. Burns attended school in Rosedale. He married Jessie Margaret Grigg, in New Westminster, August eighth, 1936. They had 1 daughter, Jean. They later divorced; Burns now resides in Burnaby.

Evelyn Isobel, born 28th April, 1914, Rosedale. Married 21st June, 1940 at Ocean Falls, B.C. to John Savage McMillan. They have 5 children and live in New Westminster.

Ida May, born 2nd March, 1917, Rosedale. She married Lorne Stephens in 1937. They have 4 children. They are spending their retirement travelling, but home base is in Victoria, B.C.

## JULIUS AND SOPHIE MARTIN

*as told to Mary Person by Sophie Martin*

Julius and Sophie Martin were farmers in Bruce, Alberta. Julius had also tried his hand at fishing and



*Back row, l-r: Sophie Martin holding Edward, ---, Mrs. Richardson, Anne Flebbe, Kay Gushta. Front row: Eleanor, Pat and Alice Martin. Barn in background is still here.*

prospecting. They had a store in Vancouver when they decided to go farming again. In the spring of 1938, they rented the Grannie Thompson farm on the corner of Yale and Gray Roads. After a year they bought the farm and were there for eight years, with their three little girls: Alice, Pat and Eleanor. Their first son Edward was born on this farm, with the assistance of Mrs. Cameron and Dr. Moore. Their second son, Norman, was born in Fort Langley. Julius was later called "the wandering goose" by one of his girls, as he and Sophie had moved 17 times before they retired in White Rock. Julius passed away there in 1978. The Martins had lived in Langley several times, and as Sophie liked it there, she moved back and is still there.

## C.L. MATHEWS FAMILY

*by Edward Mathews*

Clifford Lyman Mathews and his wife, Catherine (Dowell) Mathews came to live in Rosedale in the early 1930's. The old saying that "it is an ill wind that blows nobody some good" seemed to be true of this family. If it had not been for the great Depression of 1925-35 the Mathews family may never have found this lovely valley community that they were all so fond of. It was in an effort to find food and shelter that Cliff Mathews brought his wife and young son Edward to Rosedale to work on the farm of Cyril Sharp on Nixon Hill Road.

The family first lived in the old log house on the Sharp property that is now Camp Tsoona of the Girl Guide Association. Regrettably this house was removed in 1987, when we all thought it was safe, being on semi-public property. Cliff worked on this rough, hillside property, clearing land and cutting wood, tending to the Sharp herd of Jersey cattle and a large number of pigs. The milk truck used to go up the hill to pick up the milk cans; milk that was cooled in the cold water of Jack Ford Creek that ran across the farm. An old horse-drawn road grader was

left on the hill and it was used to build and maintain the road, also for levelling of the fields.

After several years in the old log house, a new log house was built especially for the Mathews family on the east side of Nixon Hill Road at the junction of Allan Road. This house was put up by the Nixon brothers, using logs that were cut on the property.

C.L. Mathews was a veteran of World War One and



*Clifford L. and Catherine Mathews.*

met and married Catherine Dowell of Scotland in Ontario, following his discharge. Mathews might well be described as a man before his time, as his entire life was occupied with a keen interest in communications. Specializing in radio technology, his home was literally filled with the earliest radio equipment. For many years he was employed as a radio repairman working in Chilliwack for McAlpine Electric. In later years he operated his own shop from his home in Rosedale.

Mathews was an active member of Branch Four Royal Canadian Legion, and upon his death in 1962, was buried in the Royal Canadian Legion Cemetery, Chilliwack, B.C.

When they left the hill it was to live first on Nevin Road at the intersection of McGrath Road, and then for many years at 9675 McGrath Road South.

Besides his interest in radio, Cliff Mathews was a keen beekeeper and possessed an uncanny ability to get along well with bees. He made a study of their habits, resulting in many a neighbour being the recipient of some very good Rosedale honey. One incident that seemed humorous at the time was seeing Mrs. Mathews walking up and down among the bee hives banging on the bottom of a wash tub. When asked what she was doing, she replied in all seriousness that she was "making thunder" to keep the bees from swarming until her husband got home to care for them.

The couples only child, Edward, was born in Rosebud, Alberta, in 1922. Ed attended Rosedale Elementary School and walked the two and one half miles each way

in all kinds of weather, both winter and summer. Ed recalls with pleasure, the company of Donald and Audrey Brown, from "up above", and Warner and Mildred Hockin, the twins, also Alex Johnston, who would join them at Chilliwack Central Road. Sighting of bear and deer was common, but nothing was more scary than to be startled by a ruffled grouse.

Like his father, Ed volunteered for Military Service and served in the Royal Canadian Air Force from 1941 to 1945 as an Electronics Technician in England. Also, like his father, Ed was keenly interested in Communications, and his military training helped develop an interest in the new, and growing television industry. He was employed for 26 years as a Microwave man with the B.C. Telephone Co., having responsibility for the maintenance of the Dog Mountain Tower, north of Hope, B.C.

Ed married Aileen Mallonn of St. Brides, Alberta in 1944, and the couple have a family of four daughters, Francis, Lorna, Marilyn and Leanne. Ed and Aileen now live in retirement in Chilliwack.

Mrs. Catherine Mathews, after the death of her husband in 1962, continued to live in Rosedale for many years. She was a familiar figure in the village. She passed away in 1979, and is buried in the Legion Cemetery in Chilliwack.

## **SAM MATYCHUK**

*by Mary Person*

My uncle, Sam, came from the Ukraine in 1930. He never married. He worked at a logging camp at Cowichan Lake, Vancouver Island for quite a few years, but he really wanted a farm of his own. In 1944 he bought a piece of property from Mrs. Mina Thompson, opposite the gravel pit on Old Yale Road, which is now Bunker Road. He bought other property on Gray Road that adjoined his farm from a Mr. Brown of Vancouver. He sold this piece a few years later to Mr. Ben McGrath who built a Home Gas Station and Cafe. Now the freeway and overpass are on this property. The old house on the



*Sam Matychuk.*

Brown property was moved to his first property and remodeled. The trees from the Brown place were hauled out by Rusty and Chester McKay to their mill in Cheam View and made into lumber for the barn.

Uncle Sam began farming 1945. In 1955, dad retired and he and mother moved into Sam's house. Sam remained on the farm until 1981, when he moved into Eden Rest Home, where he passed away in 1983.

## THE HARRY MERCER FAMILY

*by Grace (Mercer) Dolman*

Henry "Harry" Foster Mercer was born in Markdale, Ontario on September 4th, 1880 and was the son of Mr. and Mrs. John "Jack" Mercer.

Harry Mercer came to the Chilliwack area as a young man, along with his parents, who had heard of the great new land "out west". As a young man Harry worked in logging camps and at the Red Mountain Mine (copper) south of Chilliwack. Towards the end of the first world war Harry married Mrs. Margaret (Karr) Stevenson, daughter of pioneer Rosedale family, Mr. and Mrs. David Karr, and widow of Secord Stevenson, who was killed on active service overseas during World War I.



*Mr. Harry Mercer (19 years old), and Mrs. Margaret Mercer.*

Harry and Margaret Mercer set up housekeeping on his 40 acre homestead farm in the southeast corner of the Rosedale District, just outside of the Municipality at the end of what has since been named Mercer Road. For the first ten or fifteen years the road was just a sawdust trail through the bush from the end of Nevin Road.

Four children were born to this union namely Grace (Mrs. John Dolman) in 1918; Foster Arthur born 1920 and who still lives on the original property. Leta born 1923 who married Denis Holgate and died in 1959. And George Robert Mercer born 1928 and resident of Sardis, B.C.

In the early 1920's there was very little cleared land and the roads were just bush trails. There were plenty of wild animals close at hand including cougar, bear, deer,

raccoon and fox.

I remember there was a mill operated by Fernridge Logging Company a little way from our home. The road to Rosedale was made of slabs of wood covered with sawdust. My sister Leta and I found it pretty scary walking home from school and we always thought that we could hear bears right behind us. We never saw any close up and guess that the bears were just as afraid of us as we were of them. Sometimes Dad would take us kids to school with the horse and buggy or in the wintertime with the horse and sleigh. We had four cows and I used to milk two and Dad the other two. Sometimes us kids would ride the two horses just for fun. Dad never did own a car but we thought it pretty good when we got a rubber tired wagon and the family was a familiar sight coming to the village and to school with the old white horse and the rubber tired wagon.

I remember helping Dad pick up sticks and rocks from the fields, and hauling hay and wood on a stoneboat. Dad would cut trees for firewood and cut them into stove lengths with a wee MacGregor saw. Dad would sell what wood we did not need for ourselves. We kept pigs and chickens for our own meat and eggs, and Mother made butter. Quite often we would lose chickens as the coyotes would come and steal them.

I have happy memories of going to Sunday School and of Dad or Mother only being able to give us pennies for collection. One Sunday Leta lost her penny and I gave her one of mine.

We always had a good vegetable garden and it was an exciting day when we got our first piped water from a spring on the hillside above our house and the water ran all the time in the barrel.

John and Grace Dolman have a son John William who lives in White Rock, B.C. and a daughter Shirley Ann Bouthiette who lives in Jean-sur-Richelieu, Quebec. John Dolman was a member of the well-known Dolman family of Chilliwack and the couple will celebrate their Golden wedding anniversary in November 1988.

Foster married Marie Dunlop and the couple have three daughters, Barbara, Fern and Linda.

Leta married Denis Holgate and had two children, Mrs. Lois Cartmell and Dorothy.

George married Gloria Dunlop and has one son Randy and two daughters Cheri and Tracey.

Harry Mercer passed away in 1962 and is buried in I.O.O.F. Cemetery in Chilliwack. Mrs. Margaret Mercer later married Alex Arthur. She died in 1974.

*Below: Foster and Marie Mercer.*



## JAMES MERCER FAMILY

by Betty (Laughlin) Allen

The family of Rosedale Mercers began on September 23, 1848, when Alexander Mercer and Mary Jane Smyth were married in Philadelphia. Both had been born in the Londonderry area of northern Ireland. Alexander had been employed in Philadelphia by Robert and Hugh Smyth (Mary Jane's brothers) as a cabinet-maker.



*Mr. and Mrs. James Mercer, 1930.*



*The Mercer family in front of their home, The Cedars.*

The family moved to Ontario in 1857 as Alexander wished to own land of his own, and the opportunities were greater in Canada. They lived in Wellington County until 1878 when they moved to Markdale, Grey County.

James Smyth Mercer, the first child, was born in Philadelphia on May 12, 1850. On June 30, 1873 he married Margaret Carroll, daughter of Thomas and Ellen (Atchison) Carroll of Wellington County.

James came to the Fraser Valley in 1890. For a time he

was the proprietor of the Dominion Hotel in Chilliwack and lived on a farm owned by William Higginson in Sardis. In the early 1900's, the family moved to Rosedale where they farmed at "The Cedars". James was an uncommonly large man, weighing in the neighborhood of 300 pounds. He always took a prominent part in the municipal and political affairs of the district as a staunch Liberal. He also served on the School Board. James passed away on May 21, 1909 and Margaret on October 10, 1937. Both are buried in the family plot in the 100F Cemetery.

Their family consisted of six daughters and five sons:

Mary Eleanor born April 1, 1874, in Dufferin County, Ontario, taught school at East Chilliwack (1895-96) and at Atchletiz school (1897-99). She married the Rev. Charles P. MacGregor on August 1, 1901 in Quebec. She died April 21, 1943 and Rev. MacGregor on February 10, 1954.

Isabella Minerva born March 20, 1875 in Ontario, died February 11, 1896 in Chilliwack of Typhoid Fever.

Thomas Carroll was born September 29, 1876 in Ontario. He taught school in various parts of the province, and in 1905 received his degree in medicine from McGill Medical College. He died February 22, 1909 from an illness brought on by overwork attending the sick during a fire in the village of Fernie where he was practicing.

Alexander Hugh was born October 23, 1878 in Ontario. He married Mary Emily Bradley, a Rosedale schoolteacher. They had one daughter, Miss Eleanor Mercer of Vancouver. Alex was best known as the General Manager of the Fraser Valley Milk Producers' Association. He died March 4, 1961 and Mary Emily in February, 1959.



*Mr. and Mrs. Alex H. Mercer.*

*Early days on Alex Mercer's farm in Rosedale, 1906.*





Mary, Maud, Frances, Dorothy Jean and Ina Mercer.

James Oliver was born October 13, 1880. He worked as an Insurance Agent and married Marjorie Harris on April 14, 1920 in Regina, Saskatchewan. They had one son, Rev. Thomas Mercer who is now in Langley, B.C. After living in Ontario James returned to Chilliwack in 1958 where he died on June 25, 1960.

Margaret Maud was born August 2, 1883 in Grey County, Ontario. She married Charles Edward Manuell in 1935. There were no children. Maud died on September 5, 1972 in Chilliwack.

William Robert was born April 23, 1885 in Grey County. On December 8, 1915 he married Minnie Plunkett of Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. They have one daughter, Barbara. They farmed in Saskatchewan until 1923 when they moved to Rosedale. They left to reside in the Peace River and other parts of B.C. before returning to Rosedale. Their home was at 50526 Yale Road East. William R. died on June 12, 1967.

John Lawrence was born July 31, 1887 in Grey County. He grew up in Rosedale and married Ada Alice Dewar. John lived for many years in the U.S.A. He died August 1, 1968.

Ina Elizabeth was born October 11, 1890 in Chilliwack. She married Roy Martin Nelson and they lived for some time at 10505 McGrath Road. Their sons, Gerald and Orville, attended Rosedale Elementary School. The family later moved to the Kamloops, B.C. area. Ina passed away December 24, 1960.

Dorothy Jean was born April 12, 1893 in Chilliwack. She married Howland Thornton Tweddle on November 10, 1930. They had two sons, Roger and Blake. Together they farmed the original Mercer homestead in Rosedale. Jean died August 23, 1958.

Frances Carroll was born June 3, 1897 in Chilliwack. She married James Johnston on September 3, 1919. They had two sons, Wallace and Donald and two daughters, Margaret and Barbara. Frances was a teacher who taught locally. James died in 1954 and Frances on April 23, 1971. Wallace, Donald and Barbara have also passed away.

## ROBERT MERCER AND FAMILY

by Betty (Laughlin) Allen

Robert Mercer, the fourth son of Alexander and Mary Jane (Smyth) Mercer of Markdale, was born March 3, 1858 in Erin Township, Wellington County, Ontario. He married on June 16, 1886 in Markdale, Mary Elizabeth Stinson, the daughter of James and Mary Stinson.

Robert came to B.C. to visit his brothers. Liking what he saw, he decided to move his family out to Rosedale, B.C. This was in late 1905 or early 1906.

Robert purchased an 80 acre farm on the Old Yale Road. This farm had Hope Slough flowing through it, and the cattle had to wade across to get to some of the pasture fields. Robert farmed here raising purebred Holstein cattle which he showed at the local fairs, and at the New Westminster Exhibition.

Robert and Mary Elizabeth had two children. The



Robert Mercer with his cattle at the New Westminster Exhibition.

youngest, John Darley, died in 1916. Stinson, the eldest, was born June 27, 1887 at Markdale. He married Blanche Irene Martin daughter of John and Sarah Agnes (Hastie) Martin in 1918.

In 1910, Robert was elected to serve as a Councillor for the township.

Robert died in 1931 and Mary Elizabeth in 1940. Both are buried in the I.O.O.F. cemetery.

After Robert's death, Stinson and Blanche lived on the farm, having moved from the John Martin home, just to the east on Old Yale Road. They continued to farm here until the late 1950's when the barn burned down. This fire was a great loss, as several of the young stock were unable to be freed from the barn and died.

When Stinson died in 1966, Blanche sold part of the farm to the Haas Hop farm, retaining 2 1/2 acres as her property, which she later sold and retired to an apartment in Chilliwack.

Stinson and Blanche had a family of six: Irene Blanche who married Michael Joseph Phelan and lived in Chilliwack. Robert John "Jack" who married Audrey (Price) Woods lives in Merritt, B.C. Viola Dora married John Archibald "Archie" Laughlin. Viola died in 1980. Wesley Ronald who was killed in action February 28, 1945 in Italy while serving with the Seaforth Highlanders.

Roberta Elizabeth Anne married Bernhard Penner and secondly Lloyd Kenneth McIntyre. Roberta currently lives in Anchorage, Alaska. Charles Martin who married Helen Frances Phillips lives in Kamloops, B.C.



*Viola Mercer in Rosedale in the 1930's.*



*Archie Laughlin and his family. Back row, l-r: Leonard, Archie Laughlin, Betty Allen, Jim, Bud and Doug Allen. Front l-r: Audrey, April, Darren and Candace Laughlin.*

## FRANK AND RUBY MERSON

*by Vivian (Merson) Parberry*

One of the pioneer families of Rosedale, Frank and Ruby Merson, lived at 51554 Old Yale Road. Frank and Ruby spent many years in Rosedale, during which they raised their family.

Frank (1892-1968) was born in England but as a young man immigrated to Canada as he thought the opportunities were better. He was 19 at the time. He arrived in the Rosedale area in 1911 where he bought a jitney business, making his living hauling passengers and supplies. At that time there were sawmills in the area and a hotel in Rosedale.



*Frank Merson and Harold Shaw in a carriage pulled by mules.*

Ruby was born in Chilliwack in 1892 and, with her brothers and sisters, grew up on her parents' farm, Dick and Sarah Smith on Yale Road across from where the Rosedale Junior High is now located. As a girl Ruby enjoyed riding horses. Often she told of riding in the pastures to round up the cows for morning and evening milkings. She also loved music and spent many hours playing her piano. In later years she played piano for the Christian Science Sunday School in Chilliwack.

Ruby married Frank Merson in 1915. They had seven children: Noreen, Vivian, Dick, Jack, Robert, Audrey and Kathleen (Bunty). Robert and Noreen have now passed away. The rest of the family are all married and still reside in the Fraser Valley.

For many years, Frank was a contract hauler for the Fraser Valley Milk Producers' Association. He started with horses but in 1915 the army offered to buy them, so he replaced them with a team of mules. The mules were smarter than the horses and one morning they hauled the loaded wagon to the milk plant by themselves when Frank stopped for coffee. In the February, 1962 issue of the "Butterfat", he recalled, "By the time I caught up with my team at the plant, the boys had the wagon unloaded, and I didn't have to roll a single can". During the early 1920's he replaced the mules with trucks.

Trucking was not easy at the time; getting the job done usually meant long, hard hours of work. Winters were often severe, very cold and many snowdrifts. Farmers

depended on the milk hauler to open the roads. Frank opened his share.

The Mersons also raised pigs on their farm for market, as well as a few chickens, a milk cow, and a horse.

Ruby passed away in 1959 and Frank stayed at the farm until his death in 1968. They are fondly remembered.

Jack married Jean Jinkerson in 1944. Jean was from East Chilliwack, the granddaughter of two pioneer families; the Jackman's of East Chilliwack, and the Jinkerson's of Promontory.

Jack and Jean live in Chilliwack and have two daughters and one son. Marlene Witzke of Chilliwack, Jackie Reade Slater of North Vancouver and Robert Merson of Chilliwack.

**PERMIT TO LEAVE CANADA**

(Schedule B. to Order in Council of May 24, 1917.)

For return by whom paid with the passport to show identity by whom given the name and other particulars of the person to whom issued (The 3, 1917, Chapter 1, Canada 1917)

Permit to leave Canada on or before the 31st day of August, 1917.  
 M. E. Hansen, Inspector General, Immigration Service, Ottawa, Ontario.

I, Frank Merson  
 of Rosedale, P.O. Chilliwack  
 in the Province of British Columbia, make oath and do  
 say that I was born at Toronto, England on the 25<sup>th</sup>  
 day of February, 1876, that I am a (an)  
Canadian (subject) (citizen) by (birth)  
 (naturalisation); that I have resided at the above address for 41 years  
 (Length of residence); that I am personally known to and refer for identification to:  
Chas. H. Morris of Rosedale, P.O. B.C.  
Edw. Chase of Chilliwack B.C.  
H. J. Barber of Chilliwack B.C.  
J. H. Colwell of Chilliwack B.C.  
 that I desire permission to leave Canada to go to Bellingham  
Washington for the purpose of visiting  
 that I expect to be absent from Canada for one day  
 (Length of absence)  
 My height is 5' 8"; my weight is 145  
 My eyes are blue; my hair is tan  
 My occupation is Jobbing Owner  
 The attached photograph is a good likeness of  
 me taken 1917 (months) (days) ago.  
 And I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing it to be true and correct and knowing that it is of the same force and effect as if made under oath and by virtue of the Canada Evidence Act.  
 Declared before me at Chilliwack in the Province of British Columbia  
 this 31<sup>st</sup> day of August, 1917.  
Frank Merson  
 Signature of Applicant Henry Public, J.P., Commissioner.  
 I have been personally acquainted with the above mentioned applicant for a period of 7 years (years) (months). I recognize the above attached photo as a true likeness of him. I believe the statements which he makes above to be correct and have seen him in my presence attach his signature on the same line on which my own appears.  
Frank Merson  
 Signature of Applicant  
Samuel Miller  
 Signature of Bank Manager, Clerk of Peace, Clergyman or Notary Public, or other Government Officer  
Postmaster



**RICHARD (DICK) MERSON FAMILY**

by Dick Merson

In 1935 Dick started working with his father hauling milk and he carried on until 1942 when he married Laura Gorham from Atchelitz. At this time Dick joined the Air Force. He served with the Air Force until 1945, then returned to Rosedale where he carried on hauling milk. Dick can remember driving the milk truck down Annis and Prairie Central Road when he had to hand-shovel through snowdrifts higher than the truck.

Dick started working for the Municipality of Chilliwack in 1953 and he found it was not quite so difficult to push snow with a blade on the front of a truck.

Dick was community minded. He was a member of the Rosedale Athletic Club and president of the Club for 1956 and 1957. He also was a member of the Rosedale Fire Department.

Chester McKay and Dick were coach and assistant coach of the Juvenile Girls' Softball Team during the 50's and 60's.

Dick and Laura have four daughters: Judy Storenson of St. Evanson, Oregon, Gayle Cross of Fairfield Island, and the twins, Bonnie Reisig of Sardis and Faye Koivula of Kamloops.

**THE VICTOR L. MILLER FAMILY**

by Faye (Miller) Hansen

Like his brother Weldon, Vic Miller came to Rosedale from East Chilliwack to court and marry one of the Isaac Henderson girls.

**JACK MERSON**

by Jack Merson

Jack, second son of Frank and Ruby Merson was born in Rosedale Jan. 1922. Jack grew up and attended school here. On leaving school he worked as a farm labourer.

When his brother Dick joined the Air Force in 1942 Jack worked for his father hauling milk to the milk plant. When Dick returned in 1945, Jack went logging for awhile and then worked at the Fraser Valley Milk plant. When Dick started working for the Municipality of Chilliwack in 1953, Jack went back to hauling milk with his father. When Frank stopped hauling milk, Jack returned to the milk plant for four years, then worked in construction and logging until 1974 when he went to work for the School Board as a Janitor.



Vic Miller with a load of cordwood 1931.

The couple lived on a 40 acre farm on the northwest corner of Chilliwack Central and McElwee Roads at the present address of 8969 McElwee Road. This was a heavily timbered property and Vic and his family worked hard to clear and drain the land and bring it into production. Vic Miller was a contract milk hauler for FVMPA in the East Chilliwack area for many years, and operated a large "cat" for land clearing.

Vic and Mary had a family of three: sons Victor, Douglas, Russell and one daughter, Faye. All of the children attended Rosedale Elementary School and Rosedale United Church Sunday School.

Faye played the piano for Sunday School and in 1946 was Rosedale's 23rd May Queen. Faye married Clifton Hansen and this family has made their home in Abbotsford, B.C. Faye and Cliff have three daughters and one son.

Victor Junior "Bud" married Patti McKee and this couple have four daughters, Lynne, Debbie, Kathy and Vicki. Bud and Pat built a house on the family farm at 9815 McElwee Road and operated the dairy farm. The Bud Millers now live at Westwold, B.C.

Douglas Miller married Lois Smith and the couple lived at 50942 Chilliwack Central Road. Doug drove a Dairyland milk tanker, and they had a small beef herd. Doug and Lois have three sons, Roy, Michael and Brian and daughter Karen. Lois was a 4-H Club leader. In the early 1980's, Doug and Lois and family relocated to Barrier, B.C. where they have a hay and beef ranch.

Russell married Gladys Dobel and has lived at Grand Forks, B.C. for a number of years where he operates an automotive dealership.

Vic and Mary Miller were active in the Rosedale Athletic Club and Vic chaired the Dance Committee for several years. Always interested in sports, Vic played baseball and follows the game with interest. Mary passed away in 1975. Rosedale is still home to Vic, but he spends his time with his sons.

## WELDON MILLER

*by Frances (Henderson) Miller*

Weldon, son of Colonel and Maude (Jackman) Miller was born October 19, 1901; one of eight children. They lived in East Chilliwack where their father homesteaded. On March 14, 1923 he married *Frances Cotter Henderson*. They lived in Rosedale where Weldon worked for Graham & McNair. They moved to Canoe in 1928 where he drove logging truck. Weldon was injured in a logging accident and was unable to work for a couple of years. They moved back to Rosedale where they raised their three daughters. Mrs. Charles Armitage (Yvonne); Mrs. John Bodo (Lennie); Mrs. Keith Hannah (Mary). The girls went to school in Rosedale and Chilliwack. They lived in Rosedale until 1958 when they moved to Hope. Weldon was a life member of the Odd Fellow Lodge, in Chilliwack. Frances is a charter member of the Rosedale Women's Institute. Weldon was a contract milk hauler for F.V.M.P.A. His route was from Floods to Sardis. He did this for over thirty years, seven days a week. He saw many changes on the highway between Hope and



*Frances and Weldon Miller.*

Chilliwack. He also delivered feed for the B & K feed store. Weldon and Frances have eight grandchildren and twelve great grandchildren. They celebrated their Golden Anniversary in 1983 with many friends and family. The event took place in Rosedale United Church Educational Building.

Weldon Miller passed away in 1987 and is buried in the I.O.O.F. Cemetery, Chilliwack, B.C.

Mrs. Frances C. Miller now resides in Chilliwack.

## GEORGE AND ANNIE MILLSON

*by Pat (Millson) Calvert*

George Millson immigrated to Canada from England round 1903. He worked in logging camps around Revelstoke and served as a steward on the Triangle Tour Boats between Vancouver, Victoria and Seattle. He attended Columbia College, and I recall seeing some pictures of some college antics and trick photography. He also operated a Chilliwack Restaurant.

Annie Doe of Croydon, England booked passage on the "*Empress of Ireland*" which was sunk by a German submarine in the Gulf of St. Lawrence one sailing before Annie was to have come to Canada. However, she left England in 1914 or 1915 and worked in St. Boniface, Manitoba, where electrical storms terrified her. It was here she met George Millson.

George and Annie were married in New Westminster and farmed on Fairfield Island before acquiring former mill property on Nevin and Ford Roads in Rosedale. Dad cleared land, blasting out stumps of incredible size and removing anything a team of horses could pull loose.

While ploughing, Dad turned up half of an Indian carved stone bowl. Mother said the first barn was a shed roof with railing nailed all around to corner posts. The cows were tied to the railing while being milked by hand. She recalled how coyotes would howl between the barn and house, their eyes glowing in the lantern light. The winter before I was born, all the potatoes in the valley froze and folks lived on frozen turnips and frozen pork which hung in the kitchen. We would have frozen at night had we not placed heated rocks and flat irons in our beds. Dad also raised Collie dogs, for show purposes. He transported school children from Camp Slough area to and from Rosedale School where he was the janitor. In the winter, Mom served hot cocoa to the children in the girl's basement. Dad's jitney transported passengers between Rosedale and Chilliwack on Saturday nights. Later Dad sold acreage from the middle of the property to Marchuk and Chipiski and built a new house on the corner which is now a Bed and Breakfast house. I was privileged to overnight there during Homecoming, 1985.

One of my unhappy remembrances concerns my horse. I was feeding it sugar when it bit my thumb. Because of the pain and swelling, dad feared infection. So off we went on a 7 mile horse and buggy trip to the doctor in



*Mr. and Mrs. George Millson, Pat and Ruth.*

Chilliwack. The same thumb necessitated another trip to Dr. Henderson, after going too far into a clover cutting machine.

My sister and I have many happy memories of Rosedale. Fishing in the Dunville Creek with bent pins didn't prove very effective. We gathered shiny pieces of rock till we learned that all is not gold that glitters. We picked sacks of hazelnuts for winter, tried making beehives by catching honey bees with our bare hands, until we got stung. We looked forward to the night of August 12th to lie out on the lawn, weather permitting and count falling stars. Many were the happy hours we spent in the big maple tree. A hole in the trunk was occupied by a nesting wood duck. Later we found a screech owl there. This creature later went to school for a nature lesson. After a long absence from our climbing tree we came again for a visit. After placing one foot on the big burl, we pulled ourselves up by a branch, and up we

went. We investigated the hole in the tree, but there was nobody there. We spent some time climbing around, practising yodeling, but without success, so decided it was time to go. We descended via a branch on the other side of the tree. We never could come down the way we went up. As we dropped into the tall ferns, who surprised us but a family of *skunks*!! No faster exit was recorded.

Mom and a neighbour captured a porcupine in a barrel and we kept it for awhile on the front porch. Mom used to take us for walks on weekends and we were sure she was an encyclopedia as we learned what all the flowers were. She found a beautiful plant with bright red berries and sent it to Victoria for identification. Years later on an excursion from White Rock to Victoria we found it pressed in a glass case in a museum, with mom's name as its donor. It was listed as Baneberry and classified as very toxic. Mom always raised a large bed of lavender and sold lavender sachets.

Ruth Millson married Bill Shull. The couple have three sons: Roy, Ken and Jim. They now live at Ruskin.

Patsy Millson married Charles Calvert and the couple have daughters Donna, Ruth, Ellen, Bonnie and Sharon, and sons Norman, Ralph and Ken. Patsy (Millson) Calvert resides at Langley, B.C., and has worked as a greenhouse employee, continuing her interest in plants and growing things that she learned from her mother in Rosedale. Charles Calvert died in 1979.

The family were active in St. Peter's Church where the girls attended Sunday School and Mrs. Millson was active in the Women's Auxilliary.

In 1934 the Millsons sold their place to Frank Clark and moved to White Rock.

George Millson died in 1948 and Mrs. Annie Millson passed away in 1959.

## THE MIKE MISUDA FAMILY

*by Anna C. (Misuda) Kapralik*

Matej (Mike) Misuda was born on December 31, 1904, in the village of Vitanova, district of Orava, Slovakia (now called Slovak Socialist Republic), Czechoslovakia. It should be mentioned that Czechoslovakia is a country with two different peoples, the Czechs and the Slovaks; each has a different language, culture and custom. Vitanova (We-ton-ova) is situated in a high mountainous region. Rising in the close distance is another well-known majestic mountain range, the High Tatras.

Mike was the youngest child in a Slovak family of four girls and two boys. Mike's father (47 years old) died in 1908; his mother (51 years old) died in 1917. Three sisters died from influenza during the epidemic in 1918. Mike's paternal grandmother, who was 105 years old, died from natural causes in 1918. Mike's remaining sister died in 1943 and his brother died in 1967.

Life contained a great deal of hardship; all the work was done by hand. Houses and furniture (mostly beds, benches and tables) were constructed from tree logs. A unique type of stove, oven chamber and chimney were erected from stones mortared with clay. Clothing was hand sewn using sheepskin and a couple of hand woven

fabrics which were linen and wool. For example, the men wore heavy white woollen trousers not only in the cold winter but also during the hot summer. Clothing was washed in the river.

In Vitanova, Mike pursued mixed farming which included cows and sheep. To supplement his income, Mike felled trees in the summer months and hauled logs by horses during the winter months. Military training was mandatory for every male who was 20 years old so Mike had to enlist with the Army for a period of 18 months.

Spurred by the notion that Canada would afford a prosperous and easier life style for Mike, he decided to leave Vitanova in 1928. In Poland, at a shipping port, Danzig (now renamed Gdansk), Mike boarded the S.S. Lithuania and sailed to Halifax. Mike journeyed across Canada by train to Edmonton, Alberta where a job as a farm laborer was promised but this job prospect failed to materialize.

Travelling by train, Mike went to Coleman, Alberta to meet his sister who had left Vitanova in 1908 for the United States. Now she resided in Coleman, was married, and had a family. It was a delightful occasion to be reunited with his sister whom Mike had not seen since he was four years old.

In Coleman, Mike found employment as a miner in the coal mines. Life was improving for Mike until the Depression came in the 1930's. During those difficult years, the average working days were three days a month in the coal mines. Mike remained a coal miner for fourteen years.

On September 19, 1936, Mike married Anna Bozek in the Roman Catholic Church in Coleman. Anna, who was born on October 22, 1919 in Coleman, was the second oldest child in a Slovak family of five girls and four boys. On July 24, 1937, Anna and Mike had their first and only child, Annie Chrissie.

Anna's parents had met each other and married in Coleman. Each parent had lived in Skovakia and immigrated to Canada. Anna's father (62 years old) died in 1950 and her mother (68 years old) died in 1966. One brother (45 years old) died in 1970; another brother (66 years old) died in 1981.

The damp and wet underground conditions of the coal mines began to bother Dad so he decided that a change of occupation and climate would be a good idea. In April of 1942, my parents purchased a twenty acre farm at 124 Brooks Avenue in Chilliwack, B.C. The property which had a beautifully designed two-storey house (interior and exterior) bordered on Young Road South. Father, who became a member of the Fraser Valley Milk Producers Association, milked fifteen dairy cows by hand. Horses were used to pull wagons and other farming implements. Father also went into the poultry business for the purpose of selling eggs so he had to cope with 800 white Leghorn chickens.

During those early years, very few people owned cars. In the winter of 1943, a heavy snowfall occurred. On a large sled which was pulled by horses, Dad transported a neighbour's wife and her newborn baby home from the Chilliwack General Hospital.

Father believed that an increase in milk production would make farming more profitable but he needed more

cows and land so he sold the farm on Brooks Avenue in 1948. Many years later, this farm was sold and divided into various lots. The two-storey house has remained but some renovations have been added. On Young Road South, the Chilliwack Municipal Hall and the No. 1 Fire Hall were constructed on these lots.

In May of 1948, the rising and swelling Fraser River created great pressures and strains on the dykes in the Fraser Valley. A large number of men were needed to reinforce and patrol the dykes. Dad volunteered his help and was transported to Glendale (west of Chilliwack) and to Gill Road, Rosedale.

In October of 1948, my parents became the new owners of a forty-six acre farm on 700 Chapman Road, Rosedale, B.C. Later on, the house numbers were changed from 700 to 10506. Mrs. Mary J. Aitken and her late husband were the original settlers of this farm.

Many changes were implemented on the farm. The original wooden rail fences were leaning or decaying so Dad replaced them with wire fences. The original barn was not designed for convenience. In the barn, the section which contained the cows was situated in a hollow area where water collected into it. In 1951 and 1952, this section was flooded so there were problems in milking the cows which had to be moved to a dry area. Foundations were laid for a new barn and dairy in 1952. Dad did a great deal of the carpentry work by himself as well as constructing two silos. Some years later, milk cans became obsolete. Installed in the dairy was a large refrigerated stainless steel tank which was emptied every two days by a milk tanker.

The co-operation and goodwill of neighbours was highly evident as they earnestly worked together to harvest grain crops until each farmer had his crop of oats gleaned and separated. This same spirit of goodwill and cooperation prevailed when the silos were filled with corn crops. Delicious home cooked meals were provided by the women of the house for the men during oat threshing and silo filling days.

We always carried on the traditional Slovak custom for Christmas Eve or "Štedrý Večer" (Sted-ree Ve-chair). The word "štedrý" means generous or liberal and the word "večer" means evening. In our Slovak dialect, the word "Vilija" (We-lee-ah) was used for this custom. Christmas Eve is the most important celebration of Christmas. All members of the family are expected to be present. Fasting is strictly enforced all-day until the late Christmas Eve Meal.

A typical menu for Christmas Eve includes mushroom soup, fish, vegetables, dried boiled prunes or other fruit, nut or poppy seed rolls and "oblatky" (can also be spelt "oplatky") with honey. "Oblatky" (O-blot-key) or "oplatky" (o-plot-key) are specially blessed Christmas wafers with imprinted designs of the Holy Family. These thin wafers are rectangular in shape (4 inches x 6 1/4 inches x 1/16 inch or 10 cm x 16 cm x 1 mm). The original shape of this thin wafer was an oval with the same length.

Our family shared the work load of farming. Mother helped father in the chores of milking thirty cows with milking machines. Frequently, I drove the tractor to do various jobs such as plowing, disking fields, etc. In the summertime I would help Dad coil hay. Dad would pitch

hay onto the wagon while I spread the hay evenly to build a high load. When I left the farm in 1956, Dad purchased a hay loader to replace my help during the haying season. My parents continued farming until December of 1970. They sold the farm and moved to 10049 Killarney Drive in Fairfield Island where they continue to enjoy retirement.

Some important occasions included my graduation ceremonies in 1959 for a Nursing Diploma from St. Paul's Hospital School of Nursing. In May 7, 1960, I married Wenceslaus Kapralik in St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, Chilliwack, B.C. My parents celebrated their 25th Anniversary on September 19, 1961. The arrivals of each grandchild, Anita Sharon on June 1, 1964 and Sheila Maxine on May 23, 1968, were joyous events. In 1967, Father received a commemorative pin for 25 years of membership in the Fraser Valley Milk Producers Association.

## MOSS

**GEORGE - JANUARY 26, 1887-1950**  
**FLAKE ISABEL - OCTOBER 18, 1888-1983**

*by Joan (Moss) Stoner*

George was born in Sussex, England and came to Canada in 1909. After a year in Agassiz he came to Camp Slough and bought a farm on Camp Slough Road, where he lived a bachelor's life until October 20, 1913 when he married Flake Harding. They had two daughters; Joan, born March 24, 1917 and Doreen, born July 8, 1918. They led an active life, riding horseback, mountain climbing - three times to the top of Mount Cheam, and hiking - once to Chilliwack Lake.



*George and Flake Moss.*

In 1919 he sold his first farm and bought twenty acres on Gill Road, from his father-in-law, Sam Harding. He had Mr. John Laughlin build a roomy semi-bungalow into which the family moved in 1920. For a few years he farmed in partnership with Mr. Harding then had a barn built on his own land and continued to farm on his own until 1944, when he sold and moved to Chilliwack.

George and Flake were active in many community projects; he was a member of the "Pacific Coast Militia

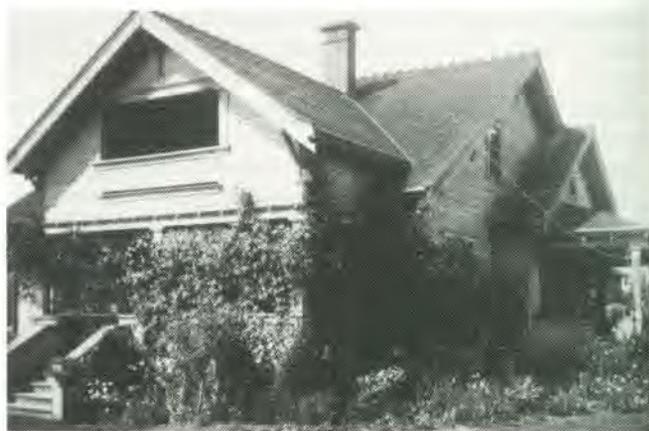
Rangers", the Camp Slough Hall Board, the Rosedale Athletic Club and the Fraser Valley Milk Producers' Association. He was noted for his comic singing as well as being a member of the Camp Slough and Rosedale United Church choirs.

Both George and Flake took part in amateur drama and musical productions. George also played piano and drums for local dances.

Flake was a member of the Upper Camp Slough Women's Institute and served her term as President, and was also a member of the Rosedale United Church "Z.W.I." group.

She was an ardent gardener and her beautiful flower beds provided many a bloom for the Rosedale "May Days", local weddings, and various other festivities.

The Moss home was the centre of many social activities:- musical evenings, amateur drama rehearsals and parties for the "young folk". For several years an event watched for by many, was the launching, at midnight New Year's Eve, of an eight foot tissue paper balloon constructed by George and inflated with hot air from a wad of wood alcohol soaked cotton which was located in a wire frame at the lower edge. When this was lit and the balloon had filled, it would float away until it disappeared and fell to earth, we knew not where.



*Home of George and Flake Moss on Gill Road.*

Joan and Doreen also sang in the Rosedale United Church choir and Doreen played the organ for Sunday School. They also took part in some of the drama and musical productions.

Joan married Eric Chidlow and had four children - Derry, Betty, Don and Wendy.

Doreen married Wilf Burgess and had two children - Tom and Terry.

## THE HARRY DAVID MORGAN FAMILY

*by Susan (Morgan) Hutton*

In 1918 Harry David and Jane Aleathea Morgan with their three children took up residence at 50110 Castleman Road. My Dad Harry was back from having served overseas in the first world war.

Names of the children of the Morgan family were:

Susan the eldest, Thelma and Charles their only son. All attended Camp River and later Rosedale Elementary School.

It is said that I was an outstanding athlete at school and must admit that not many outran me in a foot race. On Cherry Festival Day I would come home with first prize certificates for a hat, and iron and such prizes donated by the good merchants of Chilliwack.

Music was my first love, and with the encouragement of the very dear community worker, namely Mrs. Pool took the lead in most musicals put on for the fun and games of our Community.

In 1925 I was chosen Rosedale's first May Queen. Well I remember the young Mr. Archibald coming to drive me to the May Queen Festival. I really felt like a Queen being driven in that shiny black limousine.

The farm at 50110 Castleman Road was purchased from the Depencier family of Vancouver, B.C. The farm had been a summer home for the Depencier sons.

The adjoining farm was owned by the Keefer family, one of the most christian families one could ever have the great fortune to live next to. How well I remember Mr. Keefer and my baby sister Thelma rushing off in the horse and buggy to church on a Sunday morning.

Across the road lived Mr. and Mrs. Neville and lovely daughter Doris.

Dad kept a large milking herd of grade Guernsey cattle as well as many hundreds chicken. Each spring hundreds of white leghorn chicks would arrive.

After ten years of farming the farm was sold and the Morgan family moved to Chilliwack where Dad was a successful building contractor for many years.

Charles was an apprentice with his Dad.

Thelma was well known in Chilliwack, having clerked in many of the better shops.

After graduating from Magee High School, Vancouver, B.C. I was employed by the Fraser Valley Milk Producers Association.

In 1933 I was married to Dudley Hutton. Dudley passed away the fiftieth year of our marriage. We have one son Robert.

Thelma married Howard Buckingham of Rosedale. The couple had one daughter Jane. Thelma passed away in 1978.

Charles passed away at the age of twenty-four in 1934.

Dad passed away in 1948 and our dear Mother in 1962.

I now live in retirement at Saanichton on the beautiful Saanich Peninsula.

## MR. AND MRS. PAUL MOTLEY

*by F.H. Bryant*

Paul Motley came to live at 9818 McLeod Rd. from England about 1920. He was one of many young men who left Great Britain to make a new start in Canada. He operated a dairy farm and had a fine herd of Jersey cattle.

He married Miss Hilda Williams and was attended at the wedding by Percy Bartindale. Mrs. Phyllis Johnson Johnson was matron of honour.

Mr. and Mrs. Motley took part in many musical and

dramatic groups until the farm was sold in 1954 to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Northgraves. The Motleys then moved to Vancouver.

## NORMAN AND MINNIE MOYSA

*as told to Mary Person by Norman Moysa*

Mr. and Mrs. Moysa bought the Mina Thompson farm on Yale Road, about 1 1/2 miles east of Rosedale, in 1942. Mr. Moysa was working in the shipyards in Vancouver at that time, and as it was wartime, he could not quit his job. Therefore, a few days after VJ day in August of 1945 with their two children, Norman and Helen they moved to this farm. They had known Paul and Dora Ludchak from Vancouver and in Popkum, and as they wanted their children to grow up in the country, they made the move.



*Mr. and Mrs. Norman Moysa at the back of their new house.*

There was no electricity on this farm. Ten acres were sold to Mr. Taylor for the Mount Cheam Auto Court, and because he needed electricity for the Court, he was able to persuade B.C. Hydro to bring it up from the tracks to the Auto Court. Mr. and Mrs. Moysa received their electricity in 1946, a week before Christmas. The night that the power was turned on, they had 7 turkeys stolen from their barn. One was a 45 lb. gobbler who was on loan to them.

Mr. and Mrs. Moysa and children used to come to visit Mr. and Mrs. Ludchak on weekends before they moved. One July 4, 1942 weekend, they helped with the haying, bringing the hay to the barn. One tradition Ludchaks used to do, was as soon as the hay was in the barn, quilts and blankets were moved to the hayloft and everyone slept there until fall. The hay used to smell so nice and fresh. This weekend sleeping in the barn turned out to be quite cold. Imagine their surprise to see snow half way down Mount Cheam.

Mr. Moysa worked at Ruby Creek, Port Douglas and Skagit Valley logging. Because of his job they were able to get the first telephone in this area.

Their daughter Helen graduated from Chilliwack Senior High School and went on to Nursing. She married Harry McTaggart, a schoolteacher who had taught in Yarrow and Chilliwack. When they married they moved to Langley where they raised a family of 3 boys. Helen kept on with her nursing and Harry became a School



*The little log cabin on the Moysa property.*

principal.

Their son Norman, after graduating from Chilliwack Senior High School went on to U.B.C. and became a Hydro Engineer. He lives in North Vancouver with his wife.

B.C. Hydro and the Pipeline divided Mr. Moysa's farm. They still live on 5 acres of their original farm in a new home they built in 1970.

This little cabin (below) was the first house in this area. Sam Henderson recalled that there was many a good poker game held here and lots of good coffee was served.

## THE MUIR FAMILY HISTORY

*by Norma (Muir) Boyce*

An interesting observation of researching family history has been that often several members of a family emigrated together or followed one another after learning of opportunity in the West. In this group were brothers Robert and James Muir.

Robert and Emma Amelia Muir came to Rosedale from Vancouver in March, 1919. Robert Muir had been a blacksmith all his life, emigrating to Vancouver from Owen Sound, Ontario in 1896. In 1918 on coming to Rosedale, he bought the blacksmith business of Mr. Thomas Grant. The family lived at 51270 Muirhead Street in a house that is still standing in 1987. Mrs. Emma Muir passed away in June of 1919. Five of their nine children attended Rosedale School.

The eldest daughter of Robert Muir, Edna Hawkins, a widow and her two children, Clara and Leonard came with the family. In 1922 Edna married Jack Tribe of Rosedale.

Ida, who had remained in Vancouver, came home to care for her brothers and sisters after their mother's death. In 1928 Ida married James Read of Salmon Arm. She was widowed in 1963 and now lives in Sicamous.

Lorena, a widow, married Douglas Bonnycastle in 1922 and now lives in Chilliwack. Wilfred married Phillis

Sampson in 1926. He is now deceased. Norma married Raymond Pelly in 1924 and was widowed in 1964. She married William Boyce, December 1969 and was widowed again in 1985. She now lives in Chilliwack.

Thomas is married and lives in Bellingham, Washington. Robert Jr., now deceased, lived in Morton, Washington. Clara married Joseph Miller in 1934 and now lives in Sumas, Washington.

Robert Muir sold the blacksmith business to Thomas Lobb in 1926 when he remarried and moved to Sumas, Washington. Thomas, Robert Jr. and Clara accompanied him. All of the family attended the Rosedale United Church and Sunday School.



*Martha and Bill Muir on their wedding anniversary.*

In 1912 William D. Muir, a Vancouver businessman, bought a forty acre farm at 10835 Chapman Road from George Tough. James Muir, a brother of William D. Muir and a widower with three children, Phoebe, Jane and William H., came to live on this farm in the fall of 1912.

In 1916 Jane Muir married Elwood Edmondson.

Phoebe married Bill Munroe and had one daughter, Helen.

Both mother and daughter died of influenza in 1918.

William Henry, "Billy", joined the army at the age of 16 in 1915 and served overseas during World War I, returning in 1919.

On July 3rd, 1920 Billy married Martha Getty, "the

girl next door". He purchased the farm from William D. Muir on August 2, 1921. Martha and Billy had six children, as follows:

George William Stuart was born in 1921 and died in 1938 as a result of a tragic accident.

Doris Vivian was born in 1924 and married George Lang in 1948. She is a widow now and operates a group home for the Ministry of Human Resources in Vancouver.

Wesley Duane was born in 1927 and married Irene Oldham in 1949. He has lived in Langley since 1964 and works as a laboratory technician for the British Columbia Artificial Insemination Centre.

Douglas Hugh was born in 1929 and is married to Rose Wirsz in 1954. Since 1959 he has worked at the Chilliwack Artificial Insemination Centre.

Phyllis Eleanor was born in 1933. She was May Queen in Rosedale in 1947. In 1950 she married Jim Laughlin. The couple have a farm on Camp River Road.

Roger Joseph was born in 1941 and married Jane Janiewick in 1968. He purchased the family farm in 1968 from his father, William Henry Muir. Roger and Jane have one son, Leslie. Roger has been an active member of the Camp River Hall Board and served for 26 years as Secretary-Treasurer of the Rosedale United Church Sunday School.



*The James R. Muirhead family, 1886. Back row, l-r: Annie, Fred, Isobel, James Jr. Middle row: Mrs. Mary and Mr. James Muirhead and William. Front row: Maude, Howard, and Tom.*

## THE JAMES R. MUIRHEAD FAMILY

*by Gladys Dickie, Pearl Fetterly, and Vivian Provost*

James R. Muirhead came to Rosedale in 1888 from Ontario with his wife Mary (McComb) Muirhead and family of eight. His parents had immigrated to Canada from Scotland some years before, and settled in a small town called Hope Bay in Bruce County near Wiarton. Their farm bordered on beautiful Georgian Bay, but the soil proved to be rocky and not the most productive for farming. Perhaps to supplement the farm income, James Muirhead was a butcher and the first postmaster in Hope Bay, serving from 1881 to 1888. Reports of greener pastures in the West must have lured the family to make a change. They boarded a train (one of the first to traverse Canada) with their earthly possessions and went to the end of the line, which proved to be Vancouver. After a year or two in Vancouver, they located in the Fraser Valley, buying property on the south side of Castleman Road. This was later sold in 1900, and the family moved to property purchased on Camp Slough Road. James Muirhead, in addition to farming, displayed craftsmanship in making and selling wooden pumps and spinning wheels.

The family, all born in Ontario, included sons Rufus James (James Jr.), William, Thomas, Fred and Howard, and daughters Isobel (Belle), Annie and Maude. The younger members, including at least Annie, Tom, Howard and Maude, attended the original Camp Slough school at the north end of Chapman Road.

The Muirhead brothers in partnership were engaged in several enterprises. In 1907-08 they operated a sawmill on the south side of Castleman Road. In 1910 they were operating a general store, the exact location of which is

not known. In 1912 they were partners with J.H. Macken in the Rosedale Lumber Company, operating a sawmill on the H. Harrison property on Nevin Road.

James R. Muirhead did not remain in Rosedale in his later years. His wife Mary remained with her sons and lived for some years on McGrath Road north between sons Tom and Howard, caring for her son Fred until her death in 1921.

James Jr., William, Tom and Howard Muirhead all remained in the district, married and raised families (see separate accounts). Fred was severely crippled from early youth by an arthritic condition, and died in 1922. Belle married Matthew Brannick of East Chilliwack. Annie married Archie Hamilton who was an early postmaster in Rosedale. Maude married Leo Edmondson. (See separate family accounts.)

## RUFUS JAMES MUIRHEAD AND FAMILY

*by Gladys Dickie and Pearl Fetterly*

Rufus James (Jim) Muirhead (1872-1959) came with his parents to Rosedale from Ontario in 1888. In 1897 he married Sarah Ann Hamilton whose family had also come from Ontario and lived south of Rosedale at what is now 9008 McElwee Road. Sarah had worked before her marriage in the Harrison House Hotel in Chilliwack.

Mr. Muirhead owned 38 acres on Castleman Road until 1919 when it was sold and the family moved to Camp Slough. They owned eight acres which was their

home and 43 acres of farm land on the north side of the slough. Apart from farming, Jim Muirhead had been active in some enterprises jointly with his brothers. For most of the years 1920-1930 he was Road Maintenance Foreman for the Provincial Department of Public Works. This involved attention not only to roads and rights of way but also the provincially-owned property at the Rosedale ferry landing and its approaches. Local residents remember some of the exciting and hazardous work which was necessary in high-water seasons to save the bridge to Ferry Island from being carried out by accumulated driftwood.

Jim and Sarah had a family of six. *Freda* died tragically in a fire accident in 1923 at the age of 17. *Beatrice* married Brian Inions, a son of one of the early Camp Slough families. In the early 1920's they lived on the rented Howard Patriquin farm and Brian worked in Rosedale. Later they moved to the John Knox farm and



*James Jr. and Sarah Muirhead wedding photo.*

later to Alberta where they had a family of one son and three daughters. *Hazel* left home early to work, and married Brice Philip, a steel constructor. They lived in Vancouver and had a family of two daughters. *Pearl* married William Fetterley of a well-known East Chilliwack family. Their family includes Ron, Glen, Marie and Laverne who have remained in the area and are well-known in Rosedale. *Wilmer (Pat)* married Rose Boschok, and they have two daughters Audrey and Kay. Pat has worked principally in the FVMPA plant in Sardis. *Ted* was born in 1914. His mother, Sarah, died in childbirth, and Ted was adopted by his aunt and uncle Mr. and Mrs. Archie Hamilton. He was raised in the Cheam area and known by the name of Hamilton.

In 1916 Jim Muirhead married Lottie Knox, a daughter of John and Rebecca Knox who lived on Castleman Road about 1910. Lottie had attended Camp Slough school under teacher, Hugh Laughlin. Jim and Lottie had a family of four. *Gladys* married Charles Dickie, son of a Cheam family. They now live at Heffley Creek, B.C.

*Eileen* married a Mr. Giles and now lives in Kamloops. *Ralph* lives in Independence, Missouri, U.S.A. *Betty* married Gerald Bennewith of Agassiz, and they now live in Heffley Creek.

Jim Muirhead sold the Camp Slough property in the late 1930's and moved to Agassiz. He died in 1959 and is perhaps most widely remembered in the community as a priest of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints and a charter member of the Rosedale Branch of that church.

Lottie died very recently in 1986, at age 90.

## WILLIAM ALEXANDER MUIRHEAD AND FAMILY

*by Doreen (Muirhead) McKay*

William (Bill) Muirhead was born May 5, 1876, at Elderslie, Ontario, to James and Mary Muirhead. The family moved to property on Castleman Road in Rosedale in 1888. Bill was then twelve years old.

In 1908, Bill married Minnie Louisa Karr, daughter of David Karr and member of another Rosedale pioneer family. Bill and Minnie had two sons: Lyle Frederick, born October 2, 1909, and Ray Willard, born January 5, 1916, and one daughter Doreen Marie, born April 22, 1925.



*Bill and Minnie Muirhead wedding photo, 1908.*

Bill had a "5th reader education" and took delight in reciting the alphabet to his children backwards as fast as forwards. He was a carpenter by trade. Some of his sheds and barns are still standing today. He was one of many who helped construct the Rosedale Community Hall (all volunteer work) and the original Rosedale Machine Shop.

His wife died in 1931 (at the age of 41) following a chronic illness (Bright's disease) and Bill was left to raise his family on his own. Ray and Lyle worked with their dad in logging camps on Harrison Lake. Doreen was cared for through the week by relatives and kind friends. She looked forward to the weekends when her Dad would come home and they would go for a meal at the Royal

Hotel in Chilliwack every Saturday night.

Bill worked for the logging companies, Graham & McNair, Harold and Cliff Clarke's, and Brett's. He built donkey sleighs used in the logging operations. While working for Brett's Logging Co., in 1939, he saved Oliver Williams, a 21 year old truck driver from drowning. The brakes on Oliver's logging truck failed and he was plunged into the icy waters of Harrison Lake. Oliver was pinned inside the cab of the truck. Bill jumped into the lake and managed to hold the unconscious man's head above water until help arrived. William "Bill" Muirhead lived and worked in the Rosedale area for 70 years. He passed away at the age of 83 in 1960.



Ray, Doreen and their father, Bill Muirhead on the corner of Munro and Muirhead streets in Rosedale, 1940's.

## THE THOMAS H. MUIRHEAD FAMILY

by Vivian J. Provost

Thomas H. Muirhead was born in Ontario in 1880, the sixth in a family of eight children of James and Mary (McComb) Muirhead, and came to British Columbia with his parents in 1888. With other younger members of the family, Tom attended Camp Slough School after its opening in 1893. The Muirhead home was at that time on Castleman Road and farming proved rewarding in the valley soil which was gratifyingly rich in contrast to that of their previous location in Ontario.

On June 20, 1917, Tom married Janie Smith from East Chilliwack. They bought a forty acre dairy farm on McGrath Road and went to work. Tom's love for nature and the great out-of-doors drew him to the woods and he enjoyed being a logger also. Felling those huge trees proved quite a challenge to him. During the 12 years following the marriage, four little ones joined Tom and Janie. Their needs and the fact that the depression was at its highest point, made living more difficult. Fortunately, farming proved to be successful.

Their large vegetable garden and own dairy products

provided plenty. After more than forty years of farming and approaching retirement age, Tom sold most of the farm, but kept the home and large lot for semi-retirement. About 1964 the remainder of the Rosedale property was sold and Tom and Janie moved to an apartment in Chilliwack. Their four daughters had all left the valley for church-related education, and found themselves permanent residents of the United States. The girls, Mae (Bayne), Vivian (Prevost), Velma (Cain) and Alice (Fredenberg) wanted their folks to live closer to them, so in 1966 they made a permanent move to Independence, Missouri (just outside Kansas City) to spend their twilight years among their children, grandchildren and one great-grandchild.



Back row, l-r: Dick Bustin, Tom Muirhead. Front row: Maggie Bustin and Mrs. Mary Muirhead, Tom's mother.

Although Tom's formal education was limited, he read extensively and kept abreast with local and world events. He died May 11, 1977 at the age of 96 and was alert until the day before his passing. Janie followed in death March 20, 1979, both leaving for their children a legacy worthy of emulation.

## HOWARD MUIRHEAD AND FAMILY

by Glen Muirhead

Howard Muirhead was born in 1886 in Hope Bay, a small settlement near Wiarton, in Bruce County, Ontario. He was the youngest of a family of eight children of James and Mary Muirhead who came to B.C. in 1888 and to Rosedale after a year or two in Vancouver. The family lived on Castleman Road, and Howard attended Camp Slough school and probably Rosedale school.

In 1910 he married Garda Patterson, daughter of James Patterson of East Chilliwack and cousin of E.O. Patterson who operated sawmills in East Chilliwack and Popkum (see separate account). Garda had attended high school in Vancouver, there being no high school in Chilliwack at that time, and graduated from Normal School as a teacher with some advanced musical training. Before marriage she taught at Harrison Mills, Gibson's Landing, and Rosedale. The Rosedale school was, at that time, a two-roomed building. After marriage she continued to give musical instruction to aspiring young Rosedale pianists. She helped to organize the Upper Camp River Women's Institute.

Some time before 1910 Howard acquired ownership of

5.5 acres at 10320 McGrath Road North adjacent to the property of his brother Tom. From some time in the early 1920s he farmed on property north of Camp Slough near the continuation of McGrath Road, rented in succession from Robert Maguire and David Hill.

In his earlier years Howard owned a fine team of horses and engaged in custom work. One of his more unusual undertakings in 1915 was the hauling of carloads of shingles between Rosedale and Chilliwack, for the Langs and Roddis Mill in Rosedale. This was at a time when the Canadian Northern Pacific track was complete to a point somewhere east of Rosedale but no trains were yet operating.



Howard Muirhead with his team of horses at the corner of Yale and McGrath Roads. Note Post Office and Royal Bank.

Howard and Garda had one son, Glen, who was born in 1911 and attended Rosedale School. He left the district to work in sawmills in the New Westminster area, and married Lorna Thompson of New Westminster. Now a widower, he lives in Surrey, B.C. Garda died in 1950, and Howard in 1976 in Chilliwack.

## DUNCAN MUNRO AND FAMILY

by C. Ryder

Duncan Munro (unrelated to the Gilbert Munro family) was born in Lucknow, Ontario, in 1864. In Ontario he married Rebecca Hamilton, born 1868, daughter of Isaac Hamilton. The couple, with one or two of their older daughters, came to Rosedale in 1889 following the Isaac Hamilton family who had come in 1886.

The family lived on four acres at the junction of Nevin and Yale Roads. The children included three daughters, Nellie, Myrtle and Violet, and one son Donald Sinclair who died in 1907 at age eleven.

Rebecca died in 1930. After her death, Duncan lived with his daughter, Mrs. William Call of Vancouver, until his death in 1934. At that time the other two daughters were identified as Mrs. James Barron and Mrs. P.R. Landie, both of Vancouver.



Mr. and Mrs. Duncan Munro with Nellie, Myrtle, Violet and son, Donald Sinclair.

## MUNRO FAMILY HISTORY

by Laura (Munro) Kennedy

Among the earlier pioneer families to settle in the Upper Fraser Valley were the Munros of Camp River and Rosedale. The trek from Ontario to the British Columbia gold mines in 1861 (via Cape Horn) marked the western debut of Gilbert Munro. He was born in Matilda township, Dundas County on March 17th, 1809, married Caroline Bouck there 33 years later, and fathered 9 children, the youngest being just six months old at time of his departure.

Gilbert spent a decade and a half in the north country, mining with varying degrees of success in the Soda Creek, Barkerville and Richfield areas. In the primary years of his prospecting he travelled south and spent the winters in New Westminster, returning to his claim each spring. Being a devout Methodist, he assisted in building one of the first churches in Barkerville, and occasionally preached services there in the absence of the regular minister.

In the early 1870's, two of his sons, Asael and James came out from the east to assist him in his quest for gold. Later, his wife Caroline, with youngest son Alexander (Sandy) arrived in the west after a venturesome journey by train, boat and stage coach, and joined their menfolk in the Cariboo. They managed to eke out a modest living, but eventually wearied of the hardships and lack of social amenities around them. Their thoughts often strayed to the lush green valley they had passed through on their way north, and the desire to return to the area grew stronger with each passing day. So it was that in the spring of 1877, James Munro and his family occupied District Lot 432 in the Camp River area and received Title by Crown Grant in 1888.

It wasn't very long before other members of Gilbert and Caroline's family in Ontario moved out to the Fraser Valley to be united with their loved ones. They took up

residence nearby, and due to the fact that the clan had settled in close proximity, the area became officially known as Munro, and was used for some years before being changed to Camp River.

In the early years, religious services were held in local homes, but with the steady arrival of new settlers and an ever increasing population, the necessity of an appropriate place of worship became quite apparent. Around the mid 1880's, Elders Vedder, Gillanders and Munro founded the first Methodist Church in the Chilliwack region. The latter was instrumental in having one built later on a corner of his own property, site of the present Camp River Hall. He donated the lumber for it, helped clear the lot and made many of the shakes that were used in building the horse shelter, adjacent to the church. Gilbert was an experienced and excellent woodsman who loved the outdoors, and spent much of his time in the wilderness working amidst the trees. One of his favourite pastimes was challenging his very good friend, Mr. Gladstone, (who was two days his junior) to tree-felling competitions, and they both took great pleasure in demonstrating their prowess with the axe, well into their 80's.

Gilbert passed away in March 1899, just two weeks short of his 90th birthday. Caroline had pre-deceased him in the summer of '93, and both are buried on the former Sandy Munro property, now 51050 Camp River Road.

Their family consisted of Asael, Elida, William, James, Louise, Nicholas and Alexander "Sandy". Two young sons, Freddie and Watson had died in childhood. Of the siblings, only three sons, Asael, James and Sandy remained in the valley and lived out their lives here.

Elida married James Hamilton and stayed in the east. She died in childbirth when her infant son, Gilbert was born.

William married Alta Sullivan, and after a brief "stay" locally, moved to Portland Oregon. They had two children.

Louise married Aseph Castleman and had three children. They left for Beaver Lodge, Alberta around the early 1920's. Castleman Road in Rosedale is named after the family.

Nicholas married Mary Kerr of Scotland, fathered seven children (all born in Chilliwack) and lived in the Cheam area during his residency in the Valley. He took an active interest in local affairs and was a fine representative on the district council in the 1890's. The family, including Edwin, Nicholas, Watson, Caroline, Janet, Aulay and Mary Ann, moved to Midway, B.C. in 1898, where Nicholas Sr. died later the same year. In 1983, at a family reunion in Clinton B.C., many descendants of James Munro had the good fortune and pleasure of meeting two of Nicholas' grandchildren and their spouses. Jean Robinson of Anglemont, B.C. and Allan Munro of Calgary, Alberta. We had lost track of this particular branch of the family a long time ago, and were indeed grateful to pick up the threads of kinship after so many years.

Asael spent the remainder of his life on the homestead, living out his final years with his son Elgin and family. He passed away in the early part of the century, around 1905. He fathered a family of four, two daughters, Annie

and Elida who married and stayed in the east, and two sons, both prominent in early Fraser Valley politics; Charles - M.L.A. (1898-1909) and Elgin - M.P. (1921-1925).

Charles and Elgin Munro purchased the Rosedale General Store from the Bartlett brothers. They managed the business for several years, before selling to the Edgar Archibald family in 1911. Charles Munro then became the Rosedale Post Master for the years 1910-11. His death was in 1919. He was survived by a daughter, Edith, who married one of Rosedale's early teachers, George S. Ford, and moved out of the district in 1918. Elgin spent his final years on the farm and passed away around 1931. He had two sons, Duane and Cecil, the latter managing the farm after his father's death. Cecil died tragically in an accident in 1982, about three months after the death of his wife Iris.

Alexander (Sandy) married Sarah Ann Branchflower, and lived on the homestead and raised seven children. Trudy, William, Gilbert, Helen, Charles, Delia and Douglas. In the mid-1980's, Sandy was elected trustee on the school board. His daughter Helen (Nellie) was a substitute teacher in Rosedale during the 1920's, and on several occasions had the dubious "privilege" of imparting knowledge to her younger cousins, (including me!). The family moved to Vancouver after Sandy died in the late 1920's. "Nellie" passed away in 1981, but some of the younger siblings are still living in White Rock, B.C.

James' first marriage to Elizabeth Thompson ended sadly with her death shortly after the birth of their son, Nicholas Alexander in 1881. He re-married in 1883, and his second bride, Elizabeth was the eldest daughter of Royal Engineer, James and Sarah Flux. She has the distinction of being the first white girl born in Sapperton (now New Westminster) on March 6th, 1862. After their wedding in mid-February they drove to their home in Camp River by horse and cutter (from the coast), due to heavy snowfall in the upper valley.

In 1893 James brought his family over to Rosedale where he had purchased a "bush ranch" from James Bruce, on the north bank of Hope River and facing McGrath Road. The following spring raging flood waters engulfed much of the valley, and many settlers were forced out of their homes, the Munros included. "Jim" bundled his pregnant wife and seven young children into a canoe, and they were safely delivered to higher ground in the Popkum area.

The family first lived in a small cabin on the property. They soon outgrew their limited quarters, however, and a larger two-storey dwelling was erected to accommodate the ever-expanding clan. In all, fifteen children were born to James and Elizabeth: Gilbert, Colon, Carrie, Louise, Alta, Roy, Sarah, Lottie, Stanley, Frank, Aseph, Mary Ray "Bob", Laura, and George Edward "Ted". They raised 13 of them, in addition to "Nick" from the first union. (Gilbert and Laura died in early childhood.) Four of the boys enlisted in the first World War (1914-18) but only three came back. The battle at Passchendael claimed the life of Frank, and also took Stanley's left arm, but Roy and Zeph fared better, and returned home safely.

James Munro helped in organizing the Methodist



*Helen Walker, Mary, Lottie, Colon, Lavina, and Roy Munro.*

Church in the Rosedale area early in the century, and also served as a school trustee during the same era. He died in October 1920, in his 66th year, pre-deceasing Elizabeth by three years.

My father, Colon, left school while still a young lad, and he and his elder sisters went out to work for neighbouring families, to help with the rearing of younger brothers and sisters. Every penny was needed in those days, and Dad put forth every effort to earn all he could. As he grew older, he labored in some of the lumber mills, and it wasn't an easy life by any means. Later, he bought the property on the south side of the slough, directly across from his parents' place and had a commodious three-storey house built in 1912. He brought his bride, Helen Walker there in the spring of 1914, and in due course six children were born to them.

Dad spent the remainder of his life clearing and farming the land, which eventually included acreage in Popkum and Rosedale purchased from his parents estate. He was content seeing the rich, fertile soil emerge from out of the wilderness, and he didn't seem to mind the hard work involved. He had little time or inclination for frivolous things, .. his chief concern was for his growing family, and he always made certain we were comfortable and had the necessities of a proper up-bringing.

Highlights of our growing years included the advent of the "electric age" in the early 1930's ... Marvellous!! .. instant light!! no more squinting over homework by lamp or lantern!! No more scrubbing clothes on a wash board ... nor endless hours of heating up sad-irons for pressing!!

The miracle of radio (an Atwater-Kent), such an improvement over the family gramophone! .. How we used to hurry our chores so we could gather in the parlor to listen to our favourite programs!! How well I remember those early World Series games .. baseball at its best, for sure!! .. and Saturday nights!! the one night of the week that dad and the boys didn't dally in the barn for fear of missing that all important hockey game!!

Another memorable year for us was 1930 when dad and mom came home with our first automobile, a brand new Nash sedan!! how happy we were!! I'll never forget

the thrill of those exciting Sunday afternoon drives we took that summer!! A drive to Hope took almost half a day then, the roads were winding and hilly, and the dust would almost blind you.

One of the few things dad ever did for himself was to go with mom on a trip to the Calgary Stampede in the mid '30's. What a time he had there!! The highlight of his life for sure, and his favourite topic of conversation for many months!!

In 1946, after half a century of earnest toil and thriftiness, dad passed peacefully away. He was followed in death by daughter Helen Patterson in 1964, son Ray in 1967, daughter Dorothy in 1979, and his widow, Helen in 1981. Survived by two sons, Leigh and Keith, and daughter Laura Kennedy, 19 grandchildren and 27 great-grandchildren. Of his 49 descendants, 33 of them still reside in the Rosedale and Chilliwack area.

Other members of the James Munro clan spending their lives in the district were Alta Boyd, Roy, Zeph and Bob Munro, Sarah Somers and Lottie Chisholm. They all raised their families here, but the offspring moved to other places thru' the years. Bob is the only one in the group having "family" still living in the valley. His son Neil and wife and their two children are still living in Popkum.

Ted and Stanley were "intermittent" residents of the valley through the years, but never actually set down any roots. However the latter's son Bruce, and daughter Doris McKay settled here, raised families, and now have grandchildren in the Chilliwack district.

Lottie (Munro) Chisholm was the last surviving member of the large family of James and Elizabeth Munro. She passed away in 1987 at age 93 years.

It is now more than one hundred and ten years, since Gilbert and Caroline Munro with their sons first settled in this area. In the intervening years numerous offspring have been welcomed into "the family". Tho' I can't even hazard a guess as to the exact number of their descendants around the country, I do know that James alone has at least 207 living heirs, with most of them scattered throughout British Columbia.

Over 100 years have come and gone, the old "bush ranch" has been in the family for four generations now, and is still being farmed by Jim Munro ... the great-grandson of James and Elizabeth Munro.



*Leigh Munro, Ronald Gray, Keith Munro.*

## THE MUNRO FAMILY



*Colon and Helen Munro.*

Alta Munro married Clifford Boyd and this couple lived in Vedder Crossing. The family consists of daughters Edna (Johnson) and Laverne May, and one son Leonard.

Roy Munro married Lavina Hobstead and the couple had sons Roy and Arthur and a third son, Jimmy, who died in infancy. For the first years of the marriage, Roy and Lavina lived in Rosedale and Roy operated a home-bottled milk delivery by horse and democrat. Later the family lived on a farm in Popkum, where the Popkum Community Hall is now located and included the present site of Camperland and the Waterslides. Mrs. Lavina Munro died suddenly in 1929, leaving her husband and two boys of 12 and 8 years; the family managed by helping each other. Roy Munro died in 1951.



*Mrs. Lavina Munro and son, Roy.*



*Colon and Helen's daughter, Helen, on her horse.*

Arthur Munro married Edith Julseth of Cheam View and the couple had a daughter, Nina. Arthur and Edith were later divorced. Arthur continued on the farm until his death in 1964.

Roy Munro Jr. passed away in 1983. His wife Mrs. Edith Munro, lives in retirement at Courtenay, B.C.

Roy Munro, Senior was very interested in the Popkum community and for sometime the Sunday School met in his home. He offered land to build a church and donated the site for the Popkum Community Hall.

*Mrs. Zeph Munro and Peggy Nicholson at the Bridal Falls Tea Room.*



Sarah Munro married Charles Somers Jr. This couple worked with Mr. and Mrs. Somers Senior in managing the Rosedale Hotel when it was a busy stopping point for coach and other horse-drawn vehicles on the Yale Wagon Road. Sarah and Charles Somers had one son Wallace.

The family lived at the foot of Jones Hill for many years and operated a very well patronized gas and service station and the Cheam View Post Office for a number of years.

Aseph, "Zeph" Munro married Martha Henderson of Rosedale and lived on a farm on Popkum Road North for many years. While milking a few cows and shipping milk, he developed a good business processing and drying marl from the farm close to Popkum Lake. Marl was shipped all over the Lower Mainland and was of great

benefit to the farms that used it.

After the farm was sold in the early 1960's, Zeph and Martha lived first in Chilliwack and later in Fort St. John, B.C. Martha passed away about 1966, and Zeph in 1969. Both are buried in I.O.O.F. Cemetery, Chilliwack.

Zeph and Martha Munro had a son, Donald and daughter, Jean. Donald and Jean attended Popkum School. Donald and his wife, Alena, lived for some years on Old Yale Road in Rosedale. Donald drove truck for the marl operation and was a member of the Rosedale Volunteer Fire Department. Donald is now living in Qualicum Beach, B.C.

Jean Munro married Homer Gunn and for some years lived in Popkum, later locating in McKenzie and then Fort St. John, B.C.



*Bob and Grace Munro and their grandchildren: Karen, Nancy, and Jerry Harrison in Santa Clara, California.*

## **BOB AND GRACE MUNRO**

*by Peggy (Munro) Cameron*

Ray Clifton (Bob) Munro, the second son of James and Elizabeth Munro was born in Rosedale on December 9, 1902. He worked at the paper mill in Ocean Falls and as a cowboy in Merritt until his marriage to Grace Isobel More on June 3, 1926 at Christ Church Cathedral, Vancouver.

Grace More, who was the second daughter of Richard and May More, was born at Willow Farm, Norfolk, on March 10, 1908. She came to Canada with her brother, Hugh More, when she was sixteen and resided in Merritt and Vancouver until the time of her marriage.

The young couple settled on a farm at 10791 Popkum Road North, and had a family of three girls and one boy: twin daughters Roberta "Robyn" and Hazel, Peggy, and Neil. All attended Popkum public school and Sunday school. The twins left Popkum after marriage. Peggy married Cecil Cameron, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Cameron of Popkum. This couple lived in the Rosedale-Popkum area for some years and raised a family of three boys. Cecil and Peggy now live in Burnaby, B.C.

Neil and his wife Melita reside at 11001 Popkum Road,

and have a family of two, a daughter Cindy and son David. Neil has served as a Director of Electoral Area "D" on the Board of Regional District of Fraser Cheam' and has raised cattle and operated a small mill and pole plant. Neil has developed a small trailer park which is a quiet rural setting for about eight mobile homes.

After the depression, Bob left farming and started logging. He worked as a filer and a faller at Harrison Lake and on Vancouver Island until he retired a few years before his death in 1970. He had lifelong interest in hunting and baseball and was a pitcher for the Rosedale Athletic Club until he broke his arm throwing a ball. After retiring, he took a keen interest in gardening, taking prizes for sweet peas, at the Chilliwack Fair.

Grace was also an avid gardener and took a number of prizes for dahlias and roses. A member of the Rosedale Women's Institute for many years, she passed away at her home in Rosedale in May 1968.

Bob and Grace were devoted grandparents and spent a lot of time with their grandchildren. They are survived by four children, Hazel Froese of Surrey, Robyn Harrison of San Jose, California, Peggy Cameron of Burnaby, and Neil Munro of Popkum and eleven grandchildren.

## **THE CHARLES NAZARENO FAMILY**

*by Elaine (Nazareno) Fraser*

Charles Nazareno was born in Canleara, Italy in 1895 and emigrated in 1911 to Canada at the age of 16 years. He first settled in Winnipeg and worked for the C.N. Railway. It was while working for the C.N. that he ended up at Popkum and then Rosedale, which was to become his favorite corner of the world, and where he would spend the next 71 years.



*Charlie Nazareno, Vic Miller in the car, ---, ---*

Leaving the C.N.R. he worked in the sawmills and woods, cutting and hauling shinglebolts. The main form of recreation in Rosedale at the time was baseball and Charlie soon learned to love the game and became a fine player. It was natural that he would join the Rosedale Athletic Club which had been organized in 1910. To



*Charlie with a 1927 Federal Truck loaded with shingle bolts.*

Charlie goes the distinction of being the longest continuous member of this club and he was actively involved for over seventy years. He joked that he always got the job of cutting the thistles at the ball park. At the Homecoming celebrations of 1985, when the R.A.C. celebrated its 75th anniversary, Charlie was on hand to throw the first ball.

In 1925 Charlie married Lucinda (Cindy) Cory Miller and the couple lived for many years at 51780 Old Yale Rd. near to the mills where he worked. The couple had three children; sons; Charles Junior and Victor and daughter Elaine.

Charlie worked driving logging trucks up and down the foothills surrounding Rosedale (during the 1930's and 1940's) when much of the timber was taken from local mountains. This was a very strenuous and oft time nerve wracking occupation and we conclude this account with a story which Charlie loved to tell about an exciting escapade.

Charlie also worked for the Township of Chilliwack for a number of years, and held positions of responsibility in road construction, and in later years was a well-known figure as he cut the weed growth on most of the roadsides in the district.

About 1940 Charles and Cindy bought forty acres from Noble Ryder at 9150 McElwee Rd. Mostly bush at the time, the couple cleared and cultivated, this bringing it into production for the first time. A fine home was built and a small herd of cows were kept and milk shipped to F.V.M.P.A.

Charles connection with the F.V.M.P.A. was not so much as a shipping member but as a milk hauler. In the early days of trucking Charles Nazareno drove his own truck and hauled milk from farm pickup to the utility plant at Sardis. He is on one of the trucks near the head of the line, in the large picture that hangs in the foyer of

the Dairyland plant at Burnaby, a picture which was taken in mid May at the Sardis plant.

Charles and Cindy were connected with Rosedale United Church and Cindy was a charter member of the ZWI Group and active in the Women's Association, later the United Church Women, and the Women's Institute. Both were active on the dance committee of the Rosedale Athletic Club. In later years they enjoyed five pin bowling, a sport that Charlie continued until his 90th birthday. The family attended Rosedale Elementary School and Chilliwack High School.

Their sons Charles and Victor followed their dad's love and ability with trucks and machinery and have their own trucking company, N & N Trucking Co. Ltd. Vancouver, B.C.

Son, Charles Nazareno married a Rosedale girl, Miss Emily McCormick, and the couple have four children, Victor, Tony, Mark and Cindy. All live in the Burnaby area. Charles Junior passed away in 1979 and is buried in I.O.O.F. Cemetery Chilliwack.

Victor Nazareno married Miss Shirley Ann Perry of Burnaby and the couple have three children, Joseph, Annmarie and Patrice. All live in Burnaby.

Daughter, Elaine, following school, worked in Vancouver and married Donald Fraser. The couple have two boys, Drew and Angelo, still living at home in Burnaby. Donald Fraser passed away in 1982.

Charles and Cindy Nazareno celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary in 1975, always a home loving couple, nothing pleased them more than to have all their family with them. Cindy passed away in 1983 and Charles died in 1987. Both are buried in I.O.O.F. Cemetery Chilliwack B.C.

Driving logging truck was for Charles Nazareno an adventure and challenge. In the early days he drove Federal trucks with solid rubber tires on logging roads and (by doubtful permission) on municipal roads. In the episode described he was driving a truck with pneumatic tires and two-wheel brakes mechanically actuated, not hydraulically. The use of water cooling of brakes, came later and was used for timber harvesting from higher altitudes.

Charlie liked to tell about coming down Nixon Hill, that joined into Ford Road before it was bisected by the Trans Canada Highway. Loaded with upwards of 6,000 board feet of logs that would weigh up to 10-12 tons. The brakes failed and Charlie was determined to "Ride her down" if at all possible. There are some severe curves in that road as it reaches Chilliwack Central, but Charlie steered it around those curves and picking up speed crossed Chilliwack Central. Luckily there were no cross traffic vehicles and about half way down Ford Rd. the roadway leveled out and eventually two miles from the starting point the truck came to a stop, load intact.

Later while reliving the incident Charlie was asked if he wasn't scared ... With that characteristic grin and his slight Italian accent that was his trademark all his life he said; "Shucks, I never had time to be scared, I was too busy hanging onto the steering wheel", but his prayer was "Catch Me Jesus, I'm Coming!!!"

## THE ADOLPH NELSON FAMILY

*by Vi (Nelson) Cameron; information from  
Lionel, Stanley and Arthur Nelson and Ruby (Nelson) Spencer*

Adolph Nelson, born in Vermland, Sweden and his wife Alma Elizabeth Fred born in Stockholm, Sweden, met and married in Willow City, North Dakota. In 1905 he emigrated to B.C. His wife and son Arthur joined him in 1910. They homesteaded an eighty acre island in the Herrling Island group, and eighty acres near Jones Hill on the south side of the Fraser River. Their first house had two rooms. They planted a large garden and had a big orchard, cows and chickens. Their cash income was from cutting cottonwood stave bolts, which were sold and made into barrels in Vancouver. In 1915 the family moved to Vancouver so Arthur could attend school. When the government granted Mrs. Nelson's appeal to build a school, they returned. During these years, a larger house replaced the Nelson cabin. They began shipping milk by train to Vancouver. Big four and a half foot bolts were cut from cottonwood trees, loaded on trains and sold to a company in Everett, Wash. for making excelsior for filling mattresses. Cottonwood was also sold to mills in New Westminster and Vancouver for plywood. Cascara bark was peeled and dried and sold for making medicine.



*Ruby, Violet, Arthur, Stanley and Lionel Nelson.*

Mrs. Nelson often spoke of the many kindnesses and help received from her neighbours, especially the Herrlings. Also of the compassion and devotion to duty of Doctors Moore, Elliott, and McCaffrey of Chilliwack and Dr. Pete McCaffrey of Agassiz. These men would travel three to four hours by car, or train, and boat through every kind of weather, threatening high water and at all hours, to treat us, and return the same way. Never did they refuse. We survived because of them. Their integrity is a shining splendour.

Big events in our young lives were: the Christmas concerts, visiting preachers, a newborn calf, hatching baby chicks and the Saturday night bath in a round wash tub followed by a cup of hot cocoa and my mother singing as many songs as we could get her to do "no star

outshines that memory".

For many years Mr. Nelson travelled for B.C. Nursery selling plants, shrubs, berry, fruit and ornamental trees throughout the Fraser Valley.

In 1925 the family moved to Gibson Road in East Chilliwack so Ruby could take her grade eight government High School entrance exams. They moved to Rosedale in 1927 where they rented and farmed the Thomas Lobb property. About 1929 they moved to Cheam, then to Fairfield Island, and back to Rosedale where they rented and farmed the Bolley place on Camp Slough. From 1933 to 1934 they farmed on Chilliwack Central Road near Robertson School. When the family moved to Chilliwack, Mr. Nelson left to seek employment in the interior of B.C., where he died. Mrs. Nelson married Gibson (Bob) Risk who had farmed for many years on the Annis Road and had retired to Chilliwack. He died in 1961 and she in 1968.

Their oldest son, Arthur, born in North Dakota in 1905, was active in farming on Herrling Island. With his father and John Herrling he had a hand in building the one room school. He attended elementary school at Carlton in Vancouver. He worked in woods operations for Jim McLeod, who contracted timber for the Graham McNair Mills at Cheam View near the Scow Landing. He was then employed by the C.N. Railway at Cheam View where he lived in the station house with his wife, the former Margaret James of Yale. They had one son, Kenneth, of Coquitlam, B.C. and three daughters, Mrs. Roy (Joyce) Richards of Jasper, Alta., Mrs. Barry (Beverly) Lister, and Mrs. Maxine McKenzie, both of Kamloops, B.C. Arthur continued to work in various places as a section and gang foreman for the C.N.R., until retiring to Vancouver with his wife in 1965.

Ruby, born in 1912, was one of the first babies born in the Chilliwack Hospital. She attended elementary school in Vancouver (Carlton), Herrling Island, and East Chilliwack and Chilliwack High School. She married William Spencer, who was employed with Vedder River Logging Company. They lived in Bellingham for a few years after 1941, then moved to Prince George. Ruby is now a widow and lives in Parksville. They had three sons; Bill and Charles living in Kamloops and Bud (Ronald) in Parksville.

Lionel, born in 1915, on Herrling Island, also attended these schools, completed elementary school in Rosedale, and continued through Chilliwack High School. He was employed by the C.N.R. from 1936, working as a machine operator in Edmonton and Kamloops, and moving up to foreman. He was in the armed forces (R.C.A.F.) from 1940 to 1945. He married Catherine Storey in York, England, and returned with his wife to B.C. They had a family of five: Jean of Chilliwack, Jacqueline Borden of Popkum, Michael of Chilliwack, Lorne of Abbotsford and Richard of Vancouver. Lionel's wife is now deceased, and he lives in retirement in the Chilliwack area.

Stanley, born in Vancouver in 1916, attended Herrling Island, East Chilliwack, Rosedale, Cheam, Strathcona and Robertson schools. It is of interest that it was the departure of the Nelson family from Herrling Island which resulted in the closing of the school at that

location, as the remaining pupils numbered less than the required minimum of nine. Stan Nelson was employed by the C.N.R. from 1935 in the Jasper area and in the Cheam View and Chilliwack area from 1951. He married Anne Paul of Boston Bar and they had one daughter Arlene, now Mrs. Bob Siemens of Lone Butte, B.C. Anne died in 1958. Stan remarried and has lived in Chilliwack since his retirement in 1981.

Violet, born in Vancouver in 1919, attended Camp Slough Elementary School as well as those attended by her brother, Stan and graduated from Chilliwack High. She worked at the Harrison Lake Supply Store and Post Office. She married Fred Cameron from Harrison in 1940 and they had two children, Fred Jr. deceased and Linda, now Mrs. Gerry Hill of Burnaby. When her marriage dissolved, Violet took her Bachelor of Education at U.B.C. and taught in Burnaby from 1955 to 1984. She lives in semi-retirement, actively pursuing a career in songwriting in Burnaby.

Raymond was born in 1924 on Herrling Island. He attended Cheam, Strathcona, Rosedale, Robertson, and Chilliwack Elementary, also Chilliwack Jr. and Sr. High Schools. He was in the armed forces (R.C.A.F.) from 1942-1945. He was employed by Totem Meat Market and Skeltons Men's Wear. Ray and his partner Gordon Wiltshire purchased the business, renaming it the Gord-Ray. He married Joy McCormack of Vancouver. Ray passed away in 1979, leaving his daughter Gayle, sons Larry and Wayne, all of Chilliwack, and Dale of Surrey. Joy still lives in Chilliwack and retains the partnership in Gord-Ray Men's Wear.

## THE CHARLES NELSONS

*by L. Anderson*

Allan Nelson and his brother came from England in the early 1800's. They settled in Yale, B.C. and operated a store. Allan, a trader, married a native girl from the Thomson Tribe of Merritt in 1859. They lived at Yale. Their son Charles was born in May 1860 at Yale. Allan was killed when a steam boat blew up on the Fraser River in 1862. His wife and son remained in the area.

Charles Nelson grew up in the Popkum area, driving

mule trains to Barkerville during the gold rush. The trains were loaded at Minto Landing, and once he carried the Royal mail. A trip up and back would take around three months. He also worked at Knight's sawmill in Popkum and on the C.N.R. when it came through the area. His son-in-law obtained land on Herrling Island and Charles obtained 42 acres on the south end of the Island in 1909.

Charles married Madeline Brown of Agassiz in 1884. They had three sons, Charles Jr. and Jack (twins) born in 1887, Edward born 1903, two daughters Matilda born 1885, Sophie born 1897. Charles and Madeline are buried in the Popkum Reserve Cemetery at Popkum. Matilda married John Herrling.

Charlie Jr. lived on Herrling Island; married Cecilia George. He served overseas in World War I and was a Home Guard in World War II. They had one son Lenard who served in World War II overseas. He was killed and is buried in Italy.

Jack lived on Herring Island, and married Nellie Johnson. Jack served in World War I in Canada. They had a son Albert who served in World War II and lives in Chilliwack.

Sophie grew up in the Popkum area and Herring Island. Sophie is the family historian. She attended school for only one year at the age of 13. The school was in Knight's office at Popkum. The teacher was Miss Price and the year 1910. Sophie worked in Chilliwack as a maid for the Hodgins Family. She can tell some interesting stories about the early families of Chilliwack. Sophie married Herb Gardiner, the son of Captain Gardiner. Herb worked on the steamboats. Sophie spoke of one season going up and working at Stuart River in the Yukon where Herb was working on a boat.

Edward was born at Harrison Mills but lived in Popkum, Herrling Island area and attended school in Rosedale. Edward married Minnie Noel, and lived on Herrling Island. He was a logger and fisherman. After the 1948 flood, they moved to Nelson's Crossing (named after his father) which is across the railroad track at Halvorson Rd. Nelson Crossing used to be a steam boat landing in the early days, during high water. Edward and Minnie had two children, Mary and Melvin, who were raised on Herrling Island. Mary lives at Hope. Melvin

*Minnie and Edward Nelson on their wedding day, about 1920.*



*Herb Gardner, son-in-law, Charles Nelson, August Herrling, grandson, Mary Madeline Nelson.*



married Eva Peters and they have five children. Melvin lives at Rosedale and Edward makes his home with them.

Charlie, Jack and Edward could play the violin and guitar. They played for dances at Popkum and where ever wanted. They played at the opening of the Commercial Hotel in Hope, also every Friday night at Hope when Hope was raising money for their Community Hall, and every Wednesday in Sardis.

## MARTIN NELSON AND FAMILY

*information from M. MacAlpine*

Martin Halstead Nelson was born in Ontario in 1854. In Ontario he married Alzora Moore, born in Kingsville (1860). In 1910 they came to Rosedale from Twin Butte, Alberta, south of Pincher Creek. They had homesteaded near Twin Butte, and their son Roy had conducted a travelling butcher business. Roy, born in 1881, came with the family and they were accompanied also by daughter Elizabeth May and her husband Charles A. MacAlpine (see reminiscences of Milton MacAlpine).

Martin and Roy bought farmland and undertook the heavy task of clearing stumps. Roy's first property was south of Castleman Road, purchased from the Bartlett brothers. Later he owned 12.3 acres at 10605 McGrath Road north where he lived until after 1940.



*Back row, l-r: Mrs. Mary Kerr, Mrs. Ina Nelson, Milton MacAlpine, Mrs. Alzora Nelson, daughter Elizabeth MacAlpine. Front row: Gerry Nelson, Charles MacAlpine, Johnny Nelson.*

Martin Nelson died in April 1913. His widow Alzora lived in her own home in Rosedale at 9818 Ford Road for about seventeen years thereafter. She died in 1941.

Roy married Ina Mercer, daughter of James Mercer of Rosedale, in 1914. Apart from farming, Roy worked as night engineer at the McNair and Graham sawmill in Rosedale. After the sawmill ceased operation, he was employed for about ten years at the FVMPA Utility Plant in Sardis. Roy and Ina had two sons: Gerald, born in 1915, and Orland, known as "Johnny", born in 1917. Both attended Rosedale School.

After leaving the Rosedale area, Roy and Ina lived at Black Pines, in the North Thompson River region where their two sons were ranching. Ina died in Kamloops in 1960 and Roy in Hixon, near Prince George, in 1971.

Gerald was honoured in 1931 by receiving a Royal Canadian Humane Lifesaving Award for a rescue in the Camp Slough swimming pool. He married Mariam Kilpatrick in Rosedale in 1935. She was born in USA in 1918. They rented the David Hill farm for a couple of years, then moved to Wahleach 1938-43, to Black Pines 1943-63, to Prince George and Kamloops briefly 1963-65, then to California where Gerald was supervisor of extensive farm and ranch properties owned by the Hewlett-Packard Corporation. He retired in 1985, continuing to live in California.

Gerald and Mariam have five children: Sheila, now in Prince George; David, in Montana; Marylin (deceased); Christopher and Bonnie, in California.

Orland "Johnny" married Charlotte "Lottie" Dawn in Vernon, B.C. in 1944 when Johnny was in uniform. They lived in Rosedale to 1946, then moved to Black Pines and ranched near his brother. About 1964 they sold and moved to Hixon where they now live in retirement. They have three children: Sharon, Donald and Robert, all at present in the Hixon area.

## F.J. "FRED" NEVILLE

*by Doris (Nevile) Smith*

It was after the First World War in 1919 that my father F.J. (Fred) Neville and my mother Phyllis and I came from Wapella, Saskatchewan to settle on a farm at 50261 Castleman Road near Rosedale. My father had served with Lord Strathcona's Horse in the Boer War in Africa and also in World War One and wanted to retire to a more favourable climate. Our 24 acre property was purchased from Harry Cooper whose family we enjoyed as neighbors for many years.

A new house was constructed for us by Mr. Jack Martin of Rosedale, and while this was being done we "camped" under rather primitive conditions in a small house nearby, which belonged to Mr. Nick Smale. We finally moved into the new house which still stands, now surrounded by trees father planted. Subsequent owners kept on improving the property and it still looks like a comfortable home. My parents moved into Chilliwack in 1935 and resided on Princess Ave. E. until the 1950's.

Coming from the Prairies as we did, the mountains, huge trees and all the green growth were a source of wonder. I recall exploring in the woods with my mother, an artist, and was delighted to find some beautiful flowers - which turned out to be skunk cabbage! At the moment of discovery there was a distinct growl from behind the log - a bear we thought! We removed ourselves in a hurry.

At the time we lived on Castleman Road not much drainage work had been done, with the result that in winter there were sizeable ponds and we had great times skating by lantern light - usually in freezing weather which we didn't mind then. We often climbed over drifts of snow to get to the little two-roomed Camp Slough

school which was heated by woodburning stoves. Education wasn't so easy to get in those days, nevertheless we managed to learn.

## THE DAVID NEVIN FAMILY

*by Chas. Ryder; information from  
Mrs. R. Stahl and Mrs. L. Wilkinson*

Mr. and Mrs. David Nevin Sr. can be numbered among the founders of Rosedale. They came to the community during the formative years, and are remembered for the virtues of rectitude, enterprise, and community interest.

David Nevin Sr. was born in Scotland in 1850 and migrated to Canada where he married his wife Eliza, born in Ontario in 1849. They lived in the vicinity of Burford, near Brantford, Ontario, until they came west in 1878, bringing with them daughter Mabel, born in 1876. They travelled by way of the U.S.A. on the Great Northern Railway.

David Nevin was by occupation a blacksmith, and his subsequent history indicates an interest in machines well beyond the fitting of shoes to horses, which was the essential definition of a blacksmith of the period. He built the first blacksmith shop in Chilliwack, then known as Centreville, on the south side of Wellington Avenue, then known as Landing Road.

In 1881 David Nevin Jr., the elder son, was born. In 1885 the family moved to Victoria but returned in 1889 to locate in Rosedale on a farm of 80 acres purchased from James Miller, and now identified as 51440 Nevin Road. Their second son, Lorne, was born in 1887, evidently in Victoria.

In Rosedale, in addition to farming, Mr. Nevin built and opened a blacksmith shop on the east side of present Munro Avenue. The date of starting this enterprise is not known, but advertisements appeared in the early issues of the Chilliwack Progress in 1891. Apparently the Chilliwack blacksmithing business had not been relinquished during the Victoria absence, because in 1895 the Progress announced that Nevin and Bromley had dissolved their partnership in the Chilliwack blacksmithing business, which would be continued by Mr. Nevin. Soon after, an announcement appeared that D. Nevin was operating a steam-powered saw and feed grinder at a separate address. In Clinton in 1898 another announcement stated that David Nevin had leased the Hat Creek blacksmith shop and was offering general blacksmithing. It can probably be assumed that he had relinquished some of his other interests by this time or that he had several business partners; otherwise, he would have been managing simultaneously four businesses and a farm. The Rosedale blacksmith shop continued to be operated by him until 1908, when it was sold to Mr. D.C. Christie. The business and property underwent many changes of ownership in the years that followed, but remained in the same location.

In 1896 Mr. Nevin was known to have been operating a mobile steam-powered threshing machine. Shortly after 1900 he had constructed on the farm, a large barn, framed in sawn lumber, as distinct from hewn timbers, an innovation at that time. It stands today (1987).

Eliza Nevin is remembered for her outstanding flower garden, her good works in the community, and her services as a midwife in the early years. Together with David Greyell she was a sponsor of the name "Rosedale" at the time a school district was established in 1890. The name, accepted for the school and later the Post Office, thus became official.

David Nevin Sr. died in Rosedale in 1919, and Eliza in 1923.

Mabel Nevin attended Rosedale school but did not remain in the community, moving to Enderby in 1899 for health reasons. In Enderby she met Robert Peel, and they were married in Revelstoke in 1900. Mr. Peel operated a store in Enderby until his death in 1924, after which the



*Mrs. Eliza Nevin and granddaughter, Maud.*

business was continued by his son Ernest Nevin Peel, born in 1907, who lives now in retirement in Enderby. His daughter, Mrs. Roberta Stahl of Williams Lake is the source of history of the Peel family. Robert and Mabel Peel had also two daughters: Mrs. Verna Donaldson, born 1903, who taught school in Revelstoke before marriage and is now living in Vancouver, and Mrs. Roberta Broe who was a registered nurse. After the death of her husband Allan Broe in 1940, she cared for her mother in Enderby until Mabel's death in 1965.

Lorne Nevin was not of an age to be a partner in his father's multiple enterprises but there is no doubt he was early involved. There is an account in the Progress of an episode in which a power-driven grindstone in use by

Lorne in one of the Nevin shops exploded and the parts took various routes past Lorne's head and through the walls of the building. He married Martha Anne (Annie) Braithwaite (1893-1945) of the William Braithwaite family of Rosedale, about 1912. They had one daughter, Maude, who was born in 1913 and died of diphtheria in 1922. Lorne joined the armed forces early in World War I. The family lived in Nanaimo in 1915, possibly during military training. In 1917 Corporal Lorne Nevin was reported recovering from shrapnel wounds in a French hospital. He returned home on leave early in 1918 and did not return to action before the Armistice. The first marriage dissolved, and Lorne later married Isobel Williams, born in Scotland. They had one son Henry Allen, deceased in 1984, and one daughter Mrs. Lorna Vivian Wilkinson now living in Port Alberni, B.C. The family lived in Port Alberni, then Duncan, then again Port Alberni. Lorne was employed first as a shingle sawyer and later as a saw filer in the L.C. Manning mill at Sproat Lake. He died in 1962.



*Lorne and Anne Nevin with daughter, Maud.*

## DAVID NEVIN JR.

*by C. V. Ryder*

David Gilchrist Nevin was born in Chilliwack in 1881 and came to Rosedale with his parents David Sr. and Eliza in 1889. He was one of eight pupils in the first Rosedale school which opened in 1890. He left school in 1896 and worked for Alex. Cruickshanks in the construction of the first portion of the Chilliwack dyke in 1898-99. By his own record he served as a "flunky" (camp helper) in a camp of 210 men. His pay was fifteen dollars per month and board. After completion of the dyking contract he worked as a teamster on the Alex. Cruickshanks farm, then turned to logging at Chemainus on Vancouver Island. In 1902 he lost one leg in a logging accident. On recovery he returned to Chilliwack where he worked for several years in a poolroom owned by Mr. A.C. Hummer. He was successful in this work and found it well suited to his temperament and handicap. Nevertheless in 1910 he smelled opportunity arising from railway construction and he turned entrepreneur, building a sawmill at Rosedale on Hope Slough. This was followed in 1911 by a tie mill at Hope. These enterprises were apparently short-lived, as the Rosedale mill was offered for sale in August, 1912.



*David Nevin Jr. in front of store.*

In getting about minus one leg, Dave chose to wear a peg leg of simple design, although more elaborate jointed contrivances were available. (For details, see *Reminiscences* by A. Wiltshire in this volume.) About this time, Dave decided that barbering was a trade in which he could compete. He took a course of instruction and offered services as a barber in Clinton for two years. (The choice of Clinton is not explained, unless he had become acquainted there as a representative of his father's blacksmithing business.) He returned to Rosedale where in 1916 he purchased the community barbering business from Harry Fraser (see Fraser family). In 1921 he moved to a building east of the poolroom, previously used by J.T. Henley. Not long after, Dave moved his barbering equipment into the poolroom where he assisted proprietor Frank Kerr in vending and other activities. This was a satisfactory arrangement for both, but it ended when the building burned in 1926. Dave

resumed business in rented space in the Braithwaite building, then to a barber-and-billiards business in a one-storey building which had been moved to the previous poolroom site. This too was destroyed in a fire. In 1939 Dave purchased the first school building, on Yale Road on the third lot west of the McGrath Road intersection, owned since 1905 by the Methodist and United Churches. He equipped it as a barbershop and service station, selling tobacco and confectionery. He operated this business with success and great personal satisfaction, enjoying contacts with travellers and the public in general. Barbering was discontinued in 1948, and in 1953 Dave retired, selling the building and business.

In 1946 Dave astonished the community -- and perhaps himself as well -- by marrying. His bride was Mrs. May Rae, a daughter of Captain Gardner, a well-known riverboat captain on the Fraser and other B.C. rivers.

Dave died at age 81 in 1962, his wife about 1966. His mention often invokes anecdotes, typically of Dave being entrapped by his peg-leg being lodged in a crevice or knot-hole in Rosedale's wooden sidewalks. These stories are credible; Dave was not always careful when he was sober, and there is a considerable body of recollections that he was not consistently sober. But there are some unpublished recollections of generous gestures on his part, and to at least two generations of Rosedale youth it seemed a natural part of the community fabric to have the presence of a one-legged barber who for most of his life seemed to be responsible to no one, and to know everyone.

## THE MARTIN NIELSEN FAMILY

*by Mrs. Thora J. Nielsen*

Martin Nielsen and his wife Thora brought their family of three to live at 50910 Nevin Road in 1941. This was a small farm and Martin engaged in farming and shipped milk to the F.V.M.P.A. The children were Norman, Christine and Leroy. All three children attended Rosedale Elementary School. The family attended the Rosedale United Church.

Thora was active in the ladies groups of the church. Norman was a member of the Trail Ranger and Tuxis groups. Christine took part in the Canadian Girls in Training program.

Norman was a keen basketball player and played with the Rosedale team coached by Ted Clegg. Along with the farming, Martin worked in construction as a carpenter.

The family left Rosedale in 1945 and for twenty-two years before retirement, Martin was employed with the Canadian Forest Products on Vancouver Island. Martin passed away in 1981. Thora worked as a bookkeeper, eventually working as an accountant for Fraser Valley Broadcasters for thirteen years, retiring in 1966. A member of the Business and Professional Womens Clubs for 35 years, she was also an active member of the Arthritis Society. Thora now resides in White Rock.

Norman followed a career in the Airforce. He now lives in retirement at Courtenay, B.C. with his wife Leata. They have one son Scott.

Christine is married to Dr. Douglas Lobb, D.D. also of

Rosedale, and now reside in Toronto, where Doug is Minister at Timothy Eaton Memorial Church. Christine has three daughters by a previous marriage. They are: Diane, Susan and Linda.

Leroy Nielsen resides in White Rock with his wife Joyce. They have two daughters, Sandra and Tanis. Leroy is active in the Real Estate business.



*Norman Nielsen, Christine and Douglas Lobb.*

## THE HENRY NIXON FAMILY

*information from Walter H. Nixon*

Henry Nixon and Martha McAleer were both born in Clarendon, New Brunswick, of parents who had come as immigrants from Ireland to Saint John about 1865. They married in Clarendon in 1893.

Henry came to British Columbia about 1898 to work on a dairy farm operated by a New Brunswick friend in the vicinity of Rossland. His wife Martha followed a few



*Henry Nixon about 1925.*

months later with son Archie (born 1895) and daughter Ethel (born 1896). During their term on the dairy farm, a second son Walter was born in 1899, a third son Albert in 1901, and a fourth son Lionel in 1903. Walter is the source of the material used in this report.

Before coming to the Lower Mainland, the family moved to nearby Rossland where Henry worked in the gold mines for a year or more. In 1905 they moved to Atchelitz, coming by CPR to New Westminster and upriver by steamer. Because of river conditions, the steamer was not able to land them near their destination, but instead deposited them a half-mile farther upstream and above the mouth of the Semiault River, a tributary of the Fraser. With the facilities at that time, crossing the Semiault with their possessions was a considerable obstacle, and was accomplished with the aid of a raft. After dark they reached their destination, a one-roomed cabin with a single window without glass. This was on the Morgan property near Chilliwack Mountain. Henry Nixon worked for Morgan clearing a right of way, as it was believed that Chilliwack would extend in that direction. Before winter the family moved to a house on Yale Road near Evans Road where Archie and Ethel were able to attend Atchelitz school. Later a move was made to Cheam to what was later the Barton place, and then in 1908 to the Archie Malcolm place on Chilliwack Central Road near Rosedale. This property was bought by Charles Johnston in 1911, and the Nixons moved two and a half miles south into the foothills, an area referred to as the "Rosedale Bench" to a quarter-section homestead for which Henry Nixon had made application to the Federal Government. At this time the children numbered seven, including Harold, born in Cheam in 1906, and Percy, born in 1908 on the Malcolm property.

A barn had been erected a year earlier, and the barn loft served as a home for the family for the first winter, after temporary quarters in a tent and small cabin. Meanwhile, Mr. Nixon had been cutting and shaping logs for a log house which was successfully erected in 1912, with the aid of neighbours. Son Robert, the final member of the family of eight, was born in 1913. The five oldest attended Rosedale School, a walk of three and a half miles.

Henry Nixon farmed for a time, then worked for the Provincial Forestry Dept. as Forest Ranger, then in the lookout station on Elk Mountain where he could watch for fires from Cultus Lake to Chilliwack Lake and south to the U.S. border. He retired in 1919 on account of poor health. In 1916 the family moved to the Dan Currie place on Chilliwack Central Road, but retained ownership of the homestead. Son Archie served overseas in the Canadian forces for a time, and on his return found employment in the CNR shops in Kamloops. At this time, Henry Nixon with his wife and three youngest children moved to Kamloops. The four older children remained on the Currie farm until 1925.

From 1924, Walter Nixon rented the Roden Hunter farm on Chilliwack Central road, and his sister Ethel kept house for him and brothers Lionel and Percy.

Henry and Martha Nixon returned from Kamloops to Chilliwack in 1924. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Nixon were affiliated with the Presbyterian Church, and with the United Church after union. A few years later they and

Walter Nixon became members of the First Church of Christ Scientist, Boston, Massachusetts, U.S.A. which has branch churches throughout the world.

Henry died in 1928, and Martha in 1948. The family retained ownership of the homestead, some members living on it at various intervals, until 1941, when it was sold to the Parkhurst brothers.

Archie became a railroad engineer and worked out of Regina.

Ethel married Nelson Johnson and raised three children in the valley.

Walter farmed for a time, logged, drove gravel truck, and worked for 25 years for the city of Chilliwack before retiring. He now lives at Concord House in White Rock.

Albert worked for the CNR for a number of years, then moved to California and became an evangelist.

Lionel worked at a number of occupations and retired after driving a logging truck for a number of years.

Harold remained in the Chilliwack area for most of his working years. He drove logging trucks on the mountain roads around Chilliwack, Harrison and Hope. Later he drove gravel trucks for the Happy Wilkinson group and was engaged in construction on the Trans Canada Highway and other projects. He married Marie Hockin, daughter of Charles Hockin of Rosedale. They had three children: son Gary, and daughters Marilyn and Gail.

Percy drove freight trucks to Vancouver for a number of years, living in Chilliwack, then moved to Royston on Vancouver Island where he operated his own fleet of logging trucks in partnership with his eldest son until retirement.

Robert logged for a number of years, then moved to Kitimat when the smelter commenced operation. He retired as maintenance foreman and now lives at Summit Lake, north of Prince George.

Of the family of eight, only Walter and Robert are now living, in 1988.



*The Nixon family group, l-r: Percy, Bob Harold, Mrs. Nixon, Archie, Lionel and Walter.*

## THE CHARLES NUYTS FAMILY

*by Allan Nuyts*

Charles Louis Nuyts and his wife Julia Van Gestel Nuyts emigrated to Canada from Belgium in 1920. They

were accompanied by a son Ferdinand "Ferdie", and daughter Anna. The family settled in Manor, Saskatchewan, where son Allan was born in 1926, and son Rene in 1928.

In 1937 the family came to live at 50840 Chilliwack Central Road. Charles Nuyts was a builder and carpenter and constructed several of the large hip-roof barns that were and still are, landmarks in the district. Included in the structures are the barn at the Hickman place following the fire by lightning. This is now 48545 Chilliwack Central Road.

Allan Nuyts spoke in admiration of his father as a master craftsman, when all rafters and trusses were handmade and he told of his Dad "eye-balling" a set of rafters in place with men holding ropes to steady the rafters until they were perfectly straight.

Charles Nuyts also built homes including the Brannick home at 50680 Chilliwack Central. In 1946 Charles Nuyts built a fine home for his wife and himself at 51416 Yale Road in the village of Rosedale. Charles lived here until his death in 1962. C.L. Nuyts is buried in St. Mary's Cemetery, Sardis, B.C. Mrs. Julia Nuyts died in 1978 at 94 years of age and her remains were cremated.

Allan Nuyts attended Rosedale Elementary School and spoke of the good times with Miss B. Gill as teacher, at the two room school in the village. He attended Chilliwack High School, finishing grade eleven, when he enlisted in the Canadian Army and served from 1944-46 with the Paratroopers. Returning to the area, Allan married Donna Jean Foster and the couple have a son Douglas of Richmond, B.C. and a daughter Linda (Mrs. Neil Toop) of Campbell River, B.C. From 1961 to 1975 in partnership with Jim Beck, Allan operated the Volkswagen dealership in Chilliwack known as Beck Motors.

Rene Nuyts also attended Rosedale Elementary School and graduated from Chilliwack High School. Rene now resides in Calgary.

Ferdie Nuyts has lived in the East Chilliwack area since 1937 and farmed at 49130 Chilliwack Central Road. For a number of years he was involved with the East Chilliwack Grass Dehydration Co-op and served as the manager of that company, which for sometime had a plant at 9181 Gibson Road. In 1988 Mr. and Mrs. Ferdie Nuyts live in retirement in Chilliwack, B.C.

## THE R.A. OBER FAMILY

*by Mae (Ober)Tournier*

My parents Alex and Anne and myself moved from Alberta to the Rosedale District in August 1937. We bought the Poole farm on Castleman Road. Our furniture and farm machinery and team of mules arrived by C.P.R. Our team of mules were a real novelty in the district. Both my parents were members of the Rosedale United Church. My sister, Leota, joined us in January, 1938. We sold our farm to Mr. and Mrs. T. Tryssenaar in October, 1940 and moved to Chilliwack. Leota (Mrs. J. Mace) now resides in Victoria and I continue to live in Chilliwack.

My parents passed away in 1957 and 1963.



*Mr. and Mrs. Alex Ober with Jean and Mae. Summer 1939.*

## THE LES OLIVER FAMILY

*by Dianne (Oliver) Lunt*

Les and Tillie Oliver, with their daughters Muriel, and twins Dianne and Joanne lived at 50816 Castleman Road.

They operated a small farm and in later years Les was employed by the B.C. Forest Service as a "look-out" attendant. The Olivers now live at Hope, B.C., in retirement.

The girls attended Rosedale Elementary School and Rosedale United Church Sunday School. Muriel was a nursery class teacher for several years, before her marriage to John Young. John and Muriel Young are active in the restaurant business in the Hope area.

Joanne was married to Keith Munro of Rosedale and now lives in Salmon Arm, B.C.

Dianne married Lawrence Lunt and has lived at 50817 Castleman Road with her family, son David, daughter Susan (Mrs. Vanderveen) and with her grandfather Bill Brown. Lawrence died tragically in a logging accident in 1983.

Les Oliver died in 1989. Ed.

## BENJAMIN ALFRED OSBORNE

*by Ben A. Osborne*

I was born on May 25, 1916 at Cheam, to George and Amelia Osborne. I was the youngest of three children. The other two were Annie and Wilfred. We grew up on the farm and went to school at Cheam.

I moved to Rosedale in 1937 to a cabin on Nevin Road that was owned by my uncle Alfred Jones. I had my own business, butchering beef and employed Bill Munro to make the meat deliveries around Rosedale, East Chilliwack and Fairfield. It was a good business but hot weather made refrigeration a problem. I, therefore, turned to logging in 1938 at Hope, with Clarence Armitage. In 1939 I went to work for my uncle Arthur Jones at his farm on Jespersion Road.

In April of 1939, I married Hazel Edna Armitage, the only daughter of Clarence and Blanche Armitage. They also had three sons, Charles, Richard and Robert. Hazel

and I have two children, Donna Marie and Marvin Clarence.

In 1940 we were living on Ford Road and I started a small sawmill up on Nixon Hill. In 1944 we moved to the corner of Ford Road and Chilliwack Central Road and in 1945 I moved the mill from the bush onto my property at the corner. I went into partnership with my uncle Reuben Jones and we called the mill "J. & O. Sawmills". We operated with ten to twelve men including the crew in the bush. The sawmill was destroyed by fire in October of 1954 but we rebuilt it. Some of the young Rosedale boys who got their first jobs at our sawmill, were; Gordon Linklater, Norman Armstrong, Robert Armitage and my son Marvin. In addition to supplying local building needs, we donated lumber to build the Rosedale Ball Park bleachers.

In 1948 I bought some property next to Dave Nevin's store and built a Cafe and Poolroom which I operated for four years. This I sold to Mr. Pohl, but regained it shortly after, then in 1953 sold it to Mr. Lobb.

I remember one winter we were snowed in. The snow, believe it or not was up to the tops of the telephone poles in some places on Ford Road. One day Charlie Pringle and I walked to Rosedale for supplies, on the way back Charlie was walking along talking to me and when I didn't answer, turned around to discover I was nowhere in sight. He walked back looking for me and found that I had fallen through the snow. With little difficulty he pulled me out and we made our way home.

In 1951 our house at the corner of Chilliwack Central and Ford Roads burnt to the ground. The people of Rosedale held a huge shower for us in the Rosedale Community Hall. We were most grateful for their help and were able to build a pleasant new home on the same lot. With regret, we sold the house in 1967 and moved to Athalmer, B.C.

Donna and her family are still in Rosedale. Marvin's family is in Kelowna, B.C.

We now have four grandchildren, Connie Spencer, Terri Tuttle, Darren Phelan and Tamara Osborne. We have, as well, three great-grandchildren: Cole Tuttle, Jenna Tuttle and Cody Spencer.

## THE MILTON OSBORNE FAMILY

*Dorothy (Osborne) Dewar*

Milton and Edith Osborne and their five children; Russell, Dorothy, Frona, Harry and Edith moved to the Reg Bryant farm at 51440 Nevin Road in 1927. They were accompanied by Mrs. Osborne's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jake Tiffin. All came to Rosedale from Hanna, Alberta.

The family rented the farm for the winter while Reg Bryant went to the prairies to help with the grain harvest, on one of the rail excursions.

Telling about their experiences, Mrs. Osborne joked that during the severe ice storm they could not let the cows out to go to the creek for water lest they broke their legs, but the family carried water to the cows not worrying about their own legs.

Mr. and Mrs. Tiffin located at 50804 Chilliwack Central Road. At this location they developed a fine

picnic area in a cedar grove that became well-known as Tiffin's Grove. Many Sunday School picnics were held there in the depression years.

Mr. and Mrs. Osborne lived in Camp River for several years where the family was active in the Rosedale United Church Sunday School. Mrs. Osborne was a member of the Camp River Women's Institute and recalls working with the district exhibits for Chilliwack Fair. Mr. Osborne obtained employment with Buckerfields feed store and served for 33 years, many as the Branch Manager, before retirement.

Dorothy married Lloyd Dewar and lives in Chilliwack, Edith is Mrs. McDonald and lives in Richmond. Harry resides in New Westminster, while Frona is Mrs. Geoff France of Chilliwack. Russell died in 1982.

Milton Osborne served for twelve years as an alderman of Chilliwack city. He is now deceased. Mrs. Osborne still enjoys her home, and proudly made us a cup of tea, using a kettle that has been on her stove for seventy-two years.

## THE HARLEY PAKE FAMILY

*by William Pake*

Harley Pake, of United Empire Loyalist stock, and Margaret Emerson, of Irish parents, were married in Wallaceburg, Ontario, in 1880. They had a family of five: James, Edna, Charlotte, Robert and William.

Near the end of the century the family suffered hard times. James, the oldest son, decided to heed the words of Journalist Horace Greely and left home to try the West. His glowing reports of life on the West Coast persuaded Harley and Margaret to leave their home in Chatham, Ontario, in 1904 and follow James to Vancouver.

Edna married an American, George Oremus, in 1905 and they lived most of their lives in California, raising a family of two. Edna died in 1966.

Charlotte (Lottie) married Fred Shaw of Vancouver in 1906. They raised a family of five.

Robert married a California girl, and they lived most of their lives in western Canada. Robert died in Vernon, B.C., in 1970.

Harley and Margaret moved from Vancouver to the Chilliwack area about 1914, with William. William attended Chilliwack High School, King Edward High School in Vancouver, and the Provincial Normal School. He taught at the Tahltan Indian School for two years before he went overseas with the Western Universities Battalion as an officer. He accepted the rank of private in anticipation of earlier action. He died in action at Vimy in 1917 at 23 years of age.

James worked as a blacksmith in logging camps on the Coast and Vancouver Island. He homesteaded eleven acres of land at New Aynsh on the Naas River for two years before enlisting in 1917 and serving in France until the end of the war. He married Edith Hunt in London, England, in 1919.

James and his English war bride, after a temporary stay with his parents in Rosedale, went to Blue River, B.C., where James was employed in the railway round-



*J.R. and Edith Pake, 1919.*



*Bill and his father, J.R. Pake.*

house. They had three children: Bill born in Vancouver in 1921, Ellen born in Vancouver in 1922, and June born in Kamloops in 1923.

In 1929 James decided to move back to Rosedale and engage in fur farming, starting with some wild mink which he had trapped near Blue River. The family owned two parcels of land, one about five acres on McGrath Road across from the school, the other about ten acres east of Nelson Road. The home was a two-storey house at 10050 McGrath Road, and the mink farm was on a small part of the ten acre plot, the remainder being cropped. It turned out to be an unfortunate time to start a business which depends on a buoyant economy for its success, but with some financial support from a silent partner and industrious utilization of the land the family managed, as did neighbours, to survive the lean years of the early 30's.

The children attended Rosedale Elementary and Chilliwack High schools.

James (Jay) re-enlisted in 1940 for World War II much to the surprise of his son who asked why he had not displayed his WWI medals and was told "Because I didn't want people to know what a darned fool I was". Jay was in the Rocky Mountain Rangers and the Royal Canadian Engineers 1940-1944.

Edith moved to Vancouver in 1942 and engaged in war work in an aircraft parts plant. In 1945 she and Jay moved to Port Alberni where they lived after retirement until Jay's death in 1961. Edith lived in Vancouver from 1976 until her death in 1984.

Bill joined the RCAF in 1941 as a radar technician,

went to Britain in 1942 and returned in 1945. He lived in Port Alberni briefly, took two years of Applied Science at UBC, and worked in Kemano for two years during the construction phase of the power project. He married Janet, a Scottish nurse, in Vancouver in 1957. He was employed as a draftsman in Federal Civil Service for sixteen years and retired in 1980. Bill and Janet have two sons, William and Jim, and two daughters, Mary and Susan.

Ellen joined the RCAF in 1942 as a wireless operator and served in various Air Force stations in Canada. She married Wilfred Boyce in Brandon, Manitoba, in 1944. They lived after the war in Wilf's hometown of Edmonton, where Ellen taught school and Wilf was employed with CNR. They have two sons, Brian and Jim, and two daughters, Lynda and Robyn.

June joined the Canadian Navy in 1942 and served in Canada until war end. In Port Alberni she met and married Cecil Hopps. They have one son, Larry. Cecil operated the Standard Oil agency in Port Alberni. They now alternate their residence seasonally between Port Alberni and Yuma, Arizona.

*Back l-r: June and Ellen Pake, Front: Prince, Bill Pake, 1935.*





*Charles Parkhurst Sr., with sons, Charles and Lige.*

## THE PARKHURSTS OF NIXON HILL

*as told to Fred Bryant by Lige Parkhurst, September 1986*

Charles Clarence Parkhurst with his fifteen year old son, Lige came to this area in 1937 from Burns Lake, B.C. At first they worked for Roy Brett on Prairie Central Road. Later, living on Marble Hill, they cut cordwood for \$1.25 per cord. In 1940 they moved to the Nixon farm just below Elk Falls and rented the log house for five dollars per month. Here they were joined by Charles' brother, William Parkhurst. This William Parkhurst is remembered as the man who went about selling Christian literature. He died about 1942-44 and is buried in the I.O.O.F. Cemetery, Chilliwack, B.C.

William Parkhurst bought the Leon place. After his death, Lige and Joyce built their new home there, 30 years after coming to Rosedale.

Charles Junior, brother of Lige enlisted in the Armed Forces and came to live with the family at the end of the war. Charles and Lige started logging with horses, getting out cordwood. For about three years the brothers worked with axes and cross-cut saws and recalled with excitement getting the first power saws in 1946-47. Lige recalled putting short logs of fir, with some hemlock and spruce and cedar, in demand in later years, on a landing with pulleys, cables and pivees and grab hooks. These logs, 12-16 feet in length, would be hauled by Charlie Armitage down the hill to the "J and O Mill" at the corner of Chilliwack Central and Ford Roads. The mill being where the Trans Canada Highway crosses Ford Road today. The J and O stood for Jones and Osborne. (Rueban and Benny).

Lige married Joyce Corrine Arnold, a member of the pioneer Arnold family of the community that bears the family name just west of Chilliwack. Joyce lightheartedly tells of the start of her life as a "Bushwacker", working alongside of her husband in the woods, or doing farm chores in the quiet and beautiful surroundings of the hills, seldom coming to town for several weeks at a time. After their marriage Lige and Joyce lived in a small house just to the west of the road opposite the Nixon house. This was home to their children, Gail (Piket), Brent and Steven.

In 1972 Lige and Joyce built a lovely new home closer to the falls on what was known as the Leon place. In 1978

the property was sold to Clint Marvin of the United States. The family moved to Summerland, B.C. where they located a small ranch in a lovely valley setting some 11 miles from town. Here they have some mountain slopes for logging and some meadow for cattle grazing and good soil for gardening. Lige suffered a stroke in 1985 and while he is slowly recovering, it seems that they will be obliged to forsake the peace and quiet of remote areas for something closer to town.

Charles Parkhurst Jr. married a widow with two daughters and lives in Port Coquitlam. Two sons were born to the couple; Charles and Robert. Charles Jr. had owned the Nixon place. He sold it to Mr. Sterling, who later sold it to Fred Froese. Several fine homes have been built there in recent years.

A third brother of Charles and Lige was Bill Parkhurst. This lifelong bachelor lived on the hill in a log cabin. He is remembered by many for his fine violin playing and literary endeavors. He was a familiar figure in the village on his motorcycle. He made friends with many children as he always seemed to have candy in his pockets. He lived on McElwee road in the 1970's, moved to Bella Coola, but now at age 75 is living with his nephews in a cabin in the Meadow Valley area of Summerland, B.C.

## HOWARD F. PATRIQUIN AND FAMILY

*by C. V. Ryder*

Howard Fraser Patriquin (1881-1957) was born in Woodstock, New Brunswick, of a family of French Huguenot origin. His father was a miner, and Howard was attracted to the mining industry in British Columbia, arriving in 1910 and finding successful employment in



*Mr. Howard Patriquin.*



*Mrs. Nell Patriquin.*

mechanical crafts relating to mining, at Moyie, Kimberley, Rossland, and Britannia.

In 1911 he married Edith Helen (Nell) Ryder (1887-1976), daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cory Ryder of Rosedale. She was born in Cheam before the family moved to Rosedale, and attended elementary school in Cheam and Camp Slough, high school in Chilliwack, and Normal School in Vancouver, graduating as a teacher in 1909. In that year she left the district to teach at Moyie, B.C., and after marriage to Howard Patriquin she taught at Rossland and in Chilliwack.

In 1919 Howard Patriquin bought from G.N. Ryder, a farm of 22 acres fronting on the Fraser River and bounded on the south by the main branch of Camp Slough. This property was part of a block earlier owned by the Thorburn family.

For access it was served initially by a road authorized by the municipality in the Highways By-law of 1905, following the western side of the dyke, crossing Camp, and Half Moon sloughs on the plank aprons forming part of the dam construction. It was designated Parry Road and disappeared toward 1930 when it became necessary to haul heavy material by truck for river bank protection, and the dyke was widened to provide a roadway along the dyke top.

On this property a home and barn were constructed, and the family moved into this home in 1921, then moved to Britannia Beach 1922-1929, returning when daughter Jean was prepared to enter high school. In the years of absence of the Patriquins, their home was rented by Mr. and Mrs. Brian Inions (Beatrice Muirhead), and later by the Henry Cartmell family.

Mr. Patriquin developed a small herd of purebred Jersey dairy cattle and was a member of the F.V.M.P.A. He was also employed for 15 years as purser on the provincially-owned Rosedale-Agassiz ferry. Mr. and Mrs. Patriquin were members and active supporters of the

Rosedale United Church, where Mrs. Patriquin made a significant and well-remembered contribution in teaching Sunday School classes and in supervising girls' organizations. For many years she was the Rosedale news reporter to the Chilliwack Progress. She also researched and wrote articles for the Progress, principally on topics of local history, and continued this activity as a member of the Chilliwack Historical Society in her retirement years after moving to Chilliwack in 1945.

Daughter Jean, born in 1915, began elementary school in Rosedale under teacher Laura Wilson (Mrs. Frank Kerr) and principal Clarke Brannick, prior to moving to Britannia. She attended Chilliwack High and Vancouver Normal School, returning in 1937 to teach the primary grades in Rosedale School where she had started. She taught also in other schools in the district. In 1944, she married Charles Whittaker of Chilliwack, also a teacher. Both taught for many years in Nanaimo, where they now live in retirement. They have two daughters: Anne in Kamloops and Joan (Mrs. K. Hirst) in Chilliwack.

## **ABRAHAM (ABE) PATTERSON 1848-1935**

*by J. T. Patterson*

Abraham Patterson was born in Exeter, Ontario in 1848, where he married Elizabeth White. The young couple crossed into the U.S.A. then up by Red River cart to Morden, Manitoba. Here most of their large family were born. They moved to B.C. and purchased 25 acres of land from Robert King in 1913. This was part of the Holt homestead at 50942 Chilliwack Central Road just east of the Brannick holdings.

Three of their family, Thornton, Will and Vida came with them. Thornton was a widower with a young daughter, Iris. He married Pearl Brannick in 1915 and had one son, Joseph. Thornton was killed in a hunting accident in 1918. Will moved to Vancouver where he



*Abraham and Elizabeth Patterson.*

remained for the rest of his life. Vida married Walter Nixon. (See Nixon story).

Abe retired in 1928, sold his farm to J.L. Sheldon, and moved to Chilliwack where he died in 1935.

## JOE PATTERSON

I lived my earlier years on the Brannick farm with my grandparents, Joseph Jr. and Mary Brannick. In 1926 my mother, Pearl Patterson, widowed in 1918 by the accidental death of Thornton Patterson, married Francis Akeroyd and I moved into my new home. I attended school in East Chilliwack and Rosedale.

In 1940 I married Cleo Johnson and moved to 40 acres,



*Thornton Patterson.*



*Cleo and Joe Patterson.*

previously purchased from Currie Bros. by Mary Brannick. It was situated north of the Chilliwack Central Road, opposite the J.L. Sheldon farm at what is now 50989 Chilliwack Cental Rd.

We had two children, Gail and Larry, who both attended school in Rosedale. Gail graduated from U.B.C. in education, Larry from B.C.I.T. in civil and structural engineering.

Until leaving the farm in 1956, I had played baseball and basketball in Rosedale, served as President of the Athletic Club and President of the Parent Teachers Assn. I started a 32 year career with the B.C. Ferry Service with seven years on the Rosedale - Agassiz Ferry, retiring to Chilliwack in 1980.

## CAPTAIN DUKE PATTERSON

*C. V. Ryder*

Duke Patterson filled a role in Rosedale history as captain of the Rosedale-Agassiz ferry from 1922 until 1929.

He was born in Collingwood, Ontario in 1873. Soon after, his father John Patterson travelled to B.C. and took up land in the vicinity of Clinton. He was followed in 1878 by his wife and three children who came by way of Chicago and San Francisco to Victoria and then to Clinton by river steamer and stage coach. After four years they moved to New Westminster where Mr. Patterson contracted for CPR and Duke attended school, then spent a "session and a half" at Toronto University.



*Capt. Duke Patterson.*

Seized with a desire for adventure, in 1897 he booked passage from Seattle to Skagway and Dyea, spending a year in the site of one of the great gold rushes. He returned to San Francisco in 1898, spent all of his money, and went north again in 1899 to the Yukon to later pilot river steamers from Whitehorse to Dawson. In 1909, after the gold fever subsided, Patterson returned to British Columbia as skipper on the *S.S. Strathcona* from Chilliwack to the Coast and until 1910 piloted coastal tug boats. He then served on ships in the European Theatre and was present at the British capture of Baghdad. He was mentioned in dispatches and met many political and military personalities.

Duke Patterson married Laura Chadsey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Chadsey of Chilliwack and Atcheltitz. The Pattersons lived in Rosedale, in the Anglican Church manse on Church Street. Duke, in his duties as captain, was accustomed to command and seldom was known to take a soft approach to any situation. As a hobby, shared with Harry Hull who was ferry engineer, he owned battery-operated radio equipment. Mrs. Patterson as a pianist was active in events of the community.

Their adopted daughter Marion attended Rosedale School and early showed great talent as a singer and pianist. Norma Vanderburg also lived with the Pattersons for several years, and was a close companion to Marion. Norma had been semi-orphaned by her mother's death.

In 1929 Duke Patterson was relieved of his post as ferry captain, coincident with a change of provincial government. The same year was marked by the death of Laura Patterson. Duke left Rosedale with his daughter and moved to North Vancouver.

Marion was born a daughter of William and Lucy Nevard of Chilliwack. She was adopted by the Pattersons after the death of her father at age 26 in the Battle of Vimy Ridge in 1917. After leaving Rosedale, Marion entered nursing training in St. Paul's Hospital, Vancouver. She married Dr. Richard Adams, and lived in Portland, Oregon. After his early death, Marion married Jack Kerr. They also lived in the Portland area, and have a daughter, Caroline Anne.

*Marion Patterson.*



## **E.O. PATTERSON**

*by Cliff Patterson*

Eugene Patterson came to British Columbia from Nova Scotia in 1900 to join his uncle, James Patterson, who was living in the East Chilliwack area. He spent some time up the coast and in the interior, but finally, in partnership with Mr. Eckert, bought Brett's water powered sawmill located at Elk Creek.



*Isobel and Eugene Patterson.*

In 1907 he returned to Nova Scotia to marry Miss Isabel Eaton who was a high school teacher in Dartmouth, U.S. At about this time the mill was moved from Elk Creek to a location behind the Annis farm. He operated here for several years until the mill was destroyed by fire. He then moved to Popkum and bought the Macken Mill from Lyle and Hill Macken and continued working in this area until 1928.

His two sons, Clifford\* and Alfred, still live in the Chilliwack District and also operated sawmills until their retirement.

Clifford died in 1988. Ed.

## **PEDERSEN - HANSEN**

*by Helene (Hansen) Laughlin*

Ejner Pedersen was born in Bakkenbrup, Scelland, Denmark, the youngest of five children. He attended school, night school, and worked as assistant herdsman on large estates in the area. Enlisting at eighteen, he served in the Queen's Hussars Cavalry in Copenhagen. He emigrated to Canada in 1927, arriving in Halifax on April 27. He came to Vancouver in 1928 where he worked in a meat-packing plant and in construction.



*Ejner and Edith Pedersen, 1942.*

Ejner met Edith Hansen in 1929 at Cloverdale where he worked at Hazel-Dale farms. They were married in Victoria, B.C., December 1, 1930. Edith had four children by her first marriage: Daisy, Eric, Danny and Helene. In 1932 the family moved to Rosedale where they managed a farm at 50564 Castleman Road on the corner of Chapman and Castleman Roads, for a Vancouver businessman. His wages were \$24.00 per month.

Mr. Harry Cooper, a neighbor of Pedersens, told them of property consisting of 25 acres of bush at the corner of McConnell and Castleman Roads that was available. The owner, Mr. George Marrs, accepted a down payment of \$65.00 (all the money Ejner had on him). The total price was \$1600.00. A trip to the office of Billy Dusterhoeft was made to complete the deal. The family moved in 1934 and Mr. Pedersen and the boys set to work clearing the land, while Mrs. Pedersen tried to make the three room shack livable.

Vine maple was cut and sold by stoneboat load for \$1.00. Hardwood was hauled to the roadside by the Pedersens and Stan and Bruce Ryder, and sold for \$2.75 a cord.

It was a real struggle to survive in those depression years, but Mr. Pedersen managed to build a barn and acquire a few cows and young stock. The children worked at any odd jobs when not attending Rosedale Elementary School.

In 1935 gymnastics classes were started in Rosedale by Marius Jorgenson and family. Kids came from miles around, walking or biking, as few had cars at that time. A government sponsored recreation scheme was introduced in 1936 and Pro-Rec Centers sprung up all over B.C. After completing an intensive six week training course, Mr. Pedersen and Helene were hired to instruct at several centers in the valley such as Atchelitz, East Chilliwack, Camp River and Fairfield. They worked six

nights a week and six afternoons, for \$55 and \$45 per month respectively. Danny and Eric took a very active part, excelling in boxing and track and field.

Mrs. Pedersen was a member of the Camp River Ladies Circle and president of the Camp River Women's Institute for a number of years. We always looked forward to the dances sponsored by the W.I. held at the Rosedale Hall. Music was supplied by the "Radio Rascals" on many occasions.

When war was declared, Mr. Pedersen, Danny and Eric all enlisted in the army. Eric was with the Canadian Scottish when he was killed in Holland on Feb. 9, 1945. He is buried in Groesbeck Cemetery in Nijmegen, Holland. Danny was lucky enough to survive the war and now lives in Windsor. Mr. Pedersen was stationed in New Westminster as instructor for NPAM, in Vernon, Victoria, Calgary and Debert Transit Camp. He rose to the rank of Sgt. Major. Mrs. Pedersen followed her husband from camp to camp across Canada, often finding jobs or volunteer work at canteens.

Returning to the farm after the war, Mr. Pedersen built a new house, an addition to the barn, and started a dairy herd. After several years the farm was sold due to Mrs. Pedersen's deteriorating health. She passed away on Sept. 2, 1969. Mr. Pedersen now resides on Menzies Street in Chilliwack.

Daisy married Leslie LeCouteur in 1933. She is now widowed and lives in Chilliwack.

Danny married Dorothy Bishop of Windsor, where they have lived since 1948. They have five children - Bryan, Heather, Bonnie, Bill and Penny.

Helene married Clifford Laughlin on June 1, 1940. They lived at 11086 Gill Road, and have four children - Wayne, Diane, Eric and Karen. They recently retired to Yale Road.



*Helene, Eric and Danny Hansen, 1937.*

## THE HARRY PEHOTA FAMILY

by Mrs. Jenny (Pehota) Cronk

Mrs. Jenny Pehota, while living with her family in Vancouver, first came to Rosedale as domestic help for several Rosedale businesswomen. Mrs. Pehota cooked for Mrs. Rose Draycott, who kept a boarding home for construction workers in the big Bradley home on Yale Rd. During the 1930's and early 1940's Jenny stayed with Mrs. Jessie Clements who owned and operated the Cherry Grove Auto Court at 50622 Yale Rd.

In 1946, she, with her family moved to Bridal Falls and lived in a cabin at the Bridal Falls Lodge and Chalet, where she worked for Mr. "Skipper" Warneboldt in both the Lodge and Restaurant.

In the late 1940's Harry and Jenny Pehota moved into a house on the hillside above Popcum Rd. and just east of the present waterslide park. Harry was employed as the Manager of Coast Logging Company. This was a company formed by John Pedin of Victoria and Esmond Lando of Vancouver, who had formed a partnership and bought out the interests of Roy and Earl Brett.

The Pehota family were; Robert "Bob", Fred, Allan and daughter Joan. Allan and Joan attended Rosedale Elementary School and Chilliwack High School.

Jenny Pehota was widowed by the sudden death of her husband Harry, June 6, 1977. His body was interred in the I.O.O.F. Cemetery, Chilliwack.

In 1982 Jenny Pehota married Thomas Leo Cronk and the couple live in Chilliwack. Jenny laughed when she told of an incident that, at the time, was anything but funny. Late one night in the fall, winter, or early spring of 1947-48, after periods of torrential rain, there were slides occurring on the mountainside in the vicinity of the buildings. The noise was particularly loud one evening, but the family, one by one went to bed. Neither Jenny nor Harry were able to sleep. As the sound of crashing trees and rocks came closer, the couple decided they should leave the house for safety. Hastily dressing the children, and leaving in the torrential rain, the family got into the car at about one a.m. They left the little girl Joan with Mr. and Mrs. Bert Padgham, as she was very sick with scarlet fever. The rest of the family slept or stayed in the car until daylight. The power was turned off when leaving the house, so that it was not until daylight that they could be sure that their home had been spared. At about seven a.m. the group went to the Bridal Falls Lodge for breakfast and Jenny laughed, remembering that she was the only customer to be served in her nightgown and fur coat. In this incident the home and mill buildings were spared, but several years later, a slide did completely bury the house and one man was killed in the resulting landslide. Charlie Prest died and Miss Mary Carlson suffered severe injuries and was hospitalized for a long time.

Robert "Bob" Pehota married Shirley Holmes and the couple have four children, two boys and two girls. They reside in McKenzie, B.C.

Fred Pehota and his wife live in Chase, B.C. They have two boys and two girls.

Allan and Louise have one son and two daughters. Allan died in 1983.

Joan Pehota married John Ewert of Greendale, B.C. They have one daughter and two sons, and are now living in California.

## THE PAUL PENN FAMILY

by Gerald Penn

Paul Penn Sr. and his wife Elisabeth came to Rosedale from the Bulkley Valley in Northern B.C. in the year of 1945. With them were their five children: Gerald, Paul Jr., Shirley, Helen and Lester.

The family's first home was on Nevin Road. Paul Sr. worked as a heavy duty mechanic for Ben McGrath who had the Home Oil Agencies for gas and fuel supplies. Paul was involved with trucking and heavy logging equipment and also worked with McGrath installing oil stoves and heaters.

Mrs. Elisabeth Penn worked for a good many years at the Fraser Vale Plant in Chilliwack processing fruits and vegetables. She now resides in Mission, B.C.

Paul Sr. passed away in 1976 and is buried in the IOOF cemetery at Chilliwack.

Gerald married Bebe Bartholamew. They have five children and live in Mission, B.C.

Paul Jr. married Marie Borden and now lives in Popcum. The couple have nine children.

Shirley married Marcus Kessler. They have six children. Helen married Garvin Jones and now lives in Kitwanga. The couple have four children.

Lester died in Chilliwack, October 1959. He is buried in the IOOF cemetery, Chilliwack.

## THE PETER H. PENNER FAMILY

as told to Fred Bryant by Peter Penner

Peter and Helen Penner first came to Rosedale in 1936, living for a time on Annis Road.

After an interval in Vancouver, in 1943 the Penners purchased the Fraser Everett poultry farm at 51123 Yale Road East. They operated the farm for a few years and



Mr. and Mrs. Penner with their family. Second row, l-r: Marlene, Garry, Lois. Front row: Jackie, Deloris and Patty.

then Pete Penner went into the machinery business. He operated the Massey Ferguson Agency in Chilliwack for a number of years.

The Rosedale acreage was subdivided into lots for eleven new homesites during the 1950's. The Penner family built a home at 51075 Yale on one of the lots where they resided until 1988.

Their family of six children all attended Rosedale Elementary School or Rosedale Junior Secondary, and Chilliwack High School.

Peter and Helen Penner were founding members of East Chilliwack Mennonite Brethern Church, and Peter has been a keen Bible student, teacher and lay minister.

The Penners have found Rosedale a good place to raise a family and members still enjoy returning to Rosedale. While many changes have occurred over the past 40 years, it is still a good place to call home.

Lois and Ike Voth live in Ladner. Marlene and Edward Poole live in Cornerbrook Nfld. Delores and Allen Falk live in Ladner. Jackie and Irwin Olfert live in Lethbridge, Alberta. Garry and Dorothy Penner have just come back to Rosedale after living in Newfoundland for 11 years. Patti and David Serczysszyn live in Yellowknife, North West Territories.

The Peter and Helen Penner family has increased to 29 members. Two of these are great grandsons.

## HENRI PIERRE AND SIDONIE MARIE PERCHER FAMILY

*by Bob Percher*

Henri Percher was born in Paris, France in 1895 and came to Canada in 1897. His parents settled in Duck Lake, Saskatchewan where he grew up. He was married to Sidonie Mahé in Duck Lake on May 8, 1916. Sidonie was also born in France in 1898, coming to Canada with her parents the same year. This was the era when Canada invited Europeans to come to the land of milk and honey to work on homesteads, (parcels of land) in Saskatchewan. These people came with very little money, but lots of hope and vision.

Henri and Sidonie Percher had five children, three boys and two girls. Their oldest son died accidentally at the



*Henri and Sidonie Percher, 1938.*



*Gilberte, Bob, Mrs. and Mr. Percher, Alice.*

age of three. The youngest son died at birth. Their three children are Mrs. Fred (Gilberte) Janicki of Kamloops, Mrs. Edwin (Alice) Fedoruk of Chilliwack and Robert (Bob) Percher of Chilliwack.

They farmed in Duck Lake until 1936 when they moved to Rosedale by car, a 1934 Ford with a two-wheel trailer with hard rubber tires. It took five days for the trip. They bought four acres of land from Art Goodwin at 10071 Nelson Rd. They proceeded to plant an orchard of various fruit trees and also grew vegetables, which was the beginning of cash crop farming in the area, outside of corn.

He supplied the Archibald General Store in Rosedale and also a store in Chilliwack with fresh produce.

Henri was a carpenter by trade and helped build the new Archibald store in 1939-1940. He also worked paving roads in Rosedale, in a time when the gravel was shovelled on the tar by hand from the truck and swept even with barn brooms and then flattened with big rollers pulled by hand.

Henri also worked at the Lime Quarry in Popkum as a steam engineer in 1939-1940.

Later he was the janitor in Rosedale School on McGrath Rd. for several years. He was also an air raid warden in the war years 1939-1945.

Henri Pierre Percher passed away September 17, 1970 at the age of 75 years and is buried in St. Mary's Cemetery in Sardis.

Sidonie is currently (1987) in the Extended Care Unit of Chilliwack General Hospital.

## THE ISAAC CARL PETERS FAMILY

*by the Peters Family*

Isaac Carl Peters was born April 23, 1918 in Clarks' Crossing, Saskatchewan. He married Louise Mary Harder, born October 18, 1922 in Aberdeen, Saskatchewan. The couple were married May 10, 1943 and moved to Abbotsford, B.C. shortly afterwards.

In 1949, the Peters and two of their six children came to live on the eastern end of Herrling Island, on the 30 acre farm they had purchased. The four younger children were born in Chilliwack.

Isaac worked for the Department of Highways until 1962, when he suffered a back injury and was no longer capable of working. The family ran a small dairy and hobby farm. The children all helped to raise calves, sheep, pigs, chickens and geese. Mrs. Peters milked the cows by hand.

They also sold pulpwood. Mr. Peters and the older children felled cottonwood trees, bucked them, split and peeled the bark off the wood, loaded it on their wagon and delivered it across the river. Here they piled it into cords and Walley Chung picked it up.

The milk was delivered in cans to a stand on the mainland on the other side of the river, by means of a tractor and trailer when the river was low, and by cable boat when it was high. The eldest son, Wayne, would take the milk across on the cable boat, carry each can up a hill, across the tracks to the road, where it was picked up by Weldon Miller.

They owned a 16-foot power boat for personal use, but, when several had to cross the river at the same time, the cable boat was used. There were some exciting times crossing by cable boat when the river was at its peak. The boat was attached to a cable by means of a thick rope and the current carried the boat across the river. The boat operator had to work quickly once the current caught the boat and everyone in the boat had to rush to one side to keep it from capsizing. It is certain that most of the children on the island dreaded having to take that boat to school when the river was high.

There was no hydro power on the island until 1960, which meant that the children had to make their own entertainment. That was not difficult on the island. When there were no barn chores, water to be carried from the well, or weeding to do in the large garden, they were always off playing in the bush, looking for old Charlie, a four foot long garden snake, which the girls did not wish to come across, but were always on the lookout for. It was not uncommon to have to walk two miles into the bush to fetch the cows in the evenings, and it was not unusual for the children to take along a .22 rifle and do a little hunting, fishing, or checking traps for fox or lynx. On hot days they would go swimming in their private swimming hole where Mr. Peters taught them all to swim. Picking agates was one of the family's favorite pastimes. They would pack a picnic lunch, go way out back of the island and pick agates and jade all day long. Another favorite pastime was log rolling. They would snag a log in the river with a pike pole and pull it into the backwater and log roll on it.

The garden was a family project. As the children grew up they were allowed to grow school gardens alongside the family garden. Once during the season, an inspector would come and look at the gardens. If they had been looked after well enough, the children got back the dime they'd paid for the seeds. The family remembers once when Wayne's garden was under five feet of weeds; needless to say, he didn't get his dime back!

Behind the garden, in a pasture, was an old orchard which had grown over with weeds and vines after the owners moved away. The best peaches one could ever want to taste grew in that orchard, and every year the children would consider it a challenge to sneak into the

orchard and pick peaches when the black bears were not on guard. The bears acted as though they owned the peaches.

All the children attended Rosedale Elementary and Rosedale Junior High School. They were picked up at the foot of Jones hill, across from Herrling Island. In all the years they rode the bus, they only had two drivers, Mr. Short and Mr. Dickout and all the children have fond memories of both. The bus drivers always waited for any and all children when they were late getting to the bus-stop.

Linda tells how, every winter when the water went down, they could count on the river freezing up enough for them to skate on the shallower areas. The wind whipped through the river bed and no matter how warmly one dressed, it was never enough. After breaking through the ice with rubber boots on, one just couldn't wait to get on the bus, to thaw out frozen feet, fingers and face, but that never stopped the children from going right back out into the cold, when they got home from school, to play a game of hockey on the river.

Almost every weekend the house was filled with relatives. Everyone enjoyed coming out to the island, there was always so much to do. Linda and Pamela still go out to the island to pick agates, and Harvey and Christopher four wheel and fish once in awhile out on Herrling Island. It holds a lot of terrific memories.

The family are as follows:

Wayne Richard Peters (1944) and wife, Rose, now living in Rutland, B.C.

Connie Yvonne Peters (1947) - Mrs. Al Richardson - Sicamous, B.C.

Linda Jane Peters (1951) - Mrs. Terry Sawchuk - Sardis, B.C.

Pamela Joyce Peters (1954) - Mrs. Denys Beynon - Rosedale, B.C.

Harvey Glen Peters (1957) Vedder Crossing, B.C.

Christopher Allen Peters (1961) Vedder Crossing, B.C.

In 1963 the family moved from Herrling Island to Popkum and resided on Popkum Road North, later moving to Rosedale where they lived on Old Yale Road.

In 1985 Mr. and Mrs. I.C. Peters retired to Winfield, B.C.

In 1987 Mr. Peters passed away. May he rest in peace knowing he is thought of often by those he left behind.

*Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Peters with son, Wayne.*



## THE ADOLPH PETERSON FAMILY

*information from Evelyn (Peterson) Furnell*

Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Peterson with their two young daughters Evelyn and Audrey arrived in Rosedale in 1919 from the Stettler District of Alberta. They had recently purchased ten acres at 51075 Chilliwack Central Rd. For the next 12-15 years. Mr. Peterson was an active chicken farmer selling eggs and custom hatching pullets. The large numbers of growing pullets on range were a familiar sight each year. Besides the poultry business the Petersons had a large orchard and shipped quantities of apples, pears, plums and prunes to the prairies by CNR. In the fruit season there would be several baggage cars on each passenger train.



*Clara and Adolph Peterson.*



*Clara, Adolph, Evelyn Peterson, Mr. Footer.*

## THE PETERSONS - LARS AND EMELIA

*(from the notes of Constance Peterson)*

Lars Peterson and his stepson Oscar Anderson came to Popkum from Sumas, Washington in 1916. His wife Emelia and four children arrived in 1917. Lars rented the William Knight property (owned by Hall and Damask). The house had been unoccupied for sometime and was overrun by pigs, inside and outside. There was a barn and a large orchard on the property. The pigs rooted the ground all over the orchard and thrived on the fruit that fell from the trees, as did the bears. The pigs belonged to Billy Ennis. The first job was to clean up the place. Lars contracted for shinglebolts, then went farming. They shipped milk to the F.V.M.P.A. and sold the fruit, prunes and apples. They farmed until 1939 when the property was sold to R.A. Brossard and retired and moved to Rosedale. Lars passed away in 1953, Emelia in 1957.

The Petersons were active in the Community helping with the Rosedale Athletic Club, where they were well-known for being fond of dancing. Mr. Peterson arranged the grand march for the opening of the Community Hall on February 1, 1929.

They also attended the United Church and Mr. Peterson was an ardent member of the Adult Bible Class (see class photo).

Daughter Evelyn played the organ and piano for the Sunday School and for a short period had a hairdressing shop in the Braithwaite Building that was operated by Mrs. N.J.D. McNair. Evelyn married Roy Furnell, Chilliwack Businessman and Alderman on City Council for many years. Audrey married Arvid Anderson, but passed away in 1960 leaving a young family. Reg Henderson worked for Mr. Peterson for some time and in 1931 Mr. Peterson bought property in Chilliwack and had a large poultry farm on Yale Rd. East where Chilliwack Senior High School is located. Mr. Peterson kept the Rosedale property for several years longer, then selling to Stuart Brannick.



*Mr. and Mrs. Lars Peterson about 1947.*

Flora married W. Brooks and moved to Vancouver Island. Clara married Earle Archibald; Melvin married Constance Barton of Cheam. They lived in Popkum for a few years then moved to Jasper, Alberta. Mel was an engineer on the CNR Adolph moved to Vancouver.



*Hauling hay at Popkum, 1933. Mr. Peterson, Gladys and Margaret Clarke.*

## NICK AND ANNA PETRYK FAMILY

*by Bill Petryk*

In the summer of 1931 Anna Petryk, her son William (Bill) and daughter Katherine (Katy), left Poland and sailed to Canada to join her husband Nick at Blackpool. Here he had a small holding and a shack he had prepared for them. Nick was a section man and later bull cook for a CNR work gang.

Pete Janiewick followed shortly afterward and married Katy. In the summer of 1933 they all moved to 635 (now 50165) Castleman Road, Rosedale. They began with only 20 acres of uncleared land and one solitary cow. First, they yarded out stumps with pick and shovel, then began building a small shack. It was not until 1937 that they could afford a horse. Eventually the original farm enlarged to 66 acres. Barns and a house were added and the dairy herd grew from one to 75.

Pete and Katy had a son, Peter, then later moved to Chilliwack where they had two more children, Jim and Jane. In 1941 they bought the Senecal farm just across



*Back row, l-r: Mr. Petryk Sr., son Bill Petryk, Pete Janiewick Jr., James and Pete Janiewick Sr. Front row: Katie (Petryk) Janiewick, Jane Janiewick and Mrs. Petryk Sr.*

the road from the Petryk place, which they built up as a dairy farm.

After 53 years, Bill still owns the family farm, but he and his wife Violet, whom he married in 1969, now live in Chilliwack. Vi's son James Mitchell (from her first marriage) graduated from Dental Therapy School. He and his wife, Angela, live in Prince Albert, Saskatchewan.

Anna passed away in 1965; Nick in 1975. Katherine (Katy) was killed in an accident in 1979.

Pete and Peter live in Chilliwack. Jim and Joannie Janiewick, with their son Jim and daughter Cindy, live on the Janiewick farm. Their daughter Bonny lives in Sechelt with her husband Steve Miles and son Cory.

Jane married Roger Muir, and with their son, Leslie, are dairy farming on Chapman Road. (The old Muir farm.)

I recall with fondness my teachers: Miss Kerr, Miss Jess and Mr. Robertson, and also the square building which was our school on McGrath Road, to which we had to walk rain, snow, or shine. I remember many of the friends and neighbours, some of whom we met at the Homecoming in 1985, and am looking forward with anticipation to the next one.

## THE W.E. PICKERING FAMILY

*by Henry Pickering*

My parents, Wesley Edward and Francis Jane Pickering, with their family of three children, came to Rosedale, B.C. in 1913. Father was a farmer at heart and we had heard of the lush fields and very fertile soil, and so we moved from California. Staying in Chilliwack we were taken on several excursions looking at property by Mr. A.S. Watson Sr. of Homemakers Realty.

We settled on a fifteen acre portion of 20 acres owned by Mr. Roy Nelson, that ran parallel to the north side of Castleman Road, and had a very nice location for the house on the banks of the Hope River. The address is 51223 Castleman Road. The house is still the same in 1987, although it has had extensive remodelling.

We were accompanied by Dad's sister, Miss Hattie Pickering and he purchased a lot for her and built the small house that is presently 10333 McGrath Road.

Dad loved farming and we had a small dairy herd and his rule of thumb was to have one cow per acre, and by rotating fields he was able to accomplish this.

My father was a keen beekeeper and we had moved to British Columbia to establish an apiary, as we had problems with disease in the bee colonies of California. Rosedale proved little better, as we soon found that the foul brood problem was equally prevalent here. However we did sell enough honey to make the mortgage payments each year.

My brother Bert, who was born in 1894, was a mechanic and he drove one of the first jitneys to Chilliwack from Rosedale, for a Mr. McIntyre who operated the service. Bert served for three years during World War I in the Army Maintenance Corps.

After the war ended he settled in the U.S. where he had a successful brake specialty business.

My sister Fern attended Rosedale Elementary School, as she was eight years of age when we came to Rosedale. She was one of the first to be in the new school when it opened in 1914. When my parents returned in 1919 to the U.S.A., Fern went with them. She studied music and became a proficient music teacher. Our family attended Sunday School and church services at the little Methodist Church in Rosedale. When I was fifteen I took the job of janitor for the Presbyterian Church and about the same time was the Rosedale reporter for the Chilliwack Progress newspaper. I started working at the Rosedale CNR Station when I was seventeen years old. Somehow too, as a youth I found time to be member of the Rosedale Boy Scout Troop, which was one of the first in Canada.

When my parents left Rosedale, the farm was sold to Mr. and Mrs. J.E. Gregory. I continued to live in B.C. and in the Upper Fraser Valley for many of my nearly ninety years. My wife Ada has shared my interest in Rosedale and together we follow the work of Rosedale United Church. We have watched Rosedale grow and change, from our retirement home in Chilliwack.

### THE FRED PICKUP FAMILY

*by Molly (Pickup) MacKinnon*

The Fred Pickups with their four children came to the Camp River area in 1939 from Stettler, Alberta. They lived four years on a farm at 49524 Castleman Road. The family then moved to a larger farm at 49928 Camp River Road where they developed a fine herd of purebred Jersey cattle.



*Mr. and Mrs. Fred Pickup with their children: Phyllis, Mavis, Jack and Molly.*

The children, Phyllis, Molly, Mavis and Jack all attended Camp River Elementary School and later Chilliwack High School. The family attended Cheam United Church, where Mrs. Pickup was a member of the choir and a fine soloist. Fred Pickup served on the boards of the church. Molly and Phyllis also sang in the church choir. After finishing high school Molly went on to get her teaching degree. Phyllis married Lawrence "Buddy" Hill and the couple had four sons: Wayne, Gary, Bruce

and Jeff, two daughters Marilyn and Karen. Lawrence passed away June, 1966.

Phyllis Hill later married Laurie Laughlin. She died in a car accident in Oct. 1970.

Molly married Jack MacKinnon and has a son Ross. She now resides in Burnaby.

Mavis married Doug Williams and lives in Calgary, Alberta. They have a family of three, son Mark and two daughters Jane and Alison. Jack Pickup served in the R.C.A.F. He has one son Barry, and three daughters, Wendy, Lori and Colleen. He now lives in Comox, B.C. where he operates an auto body repair shop. Mr. Fred Pickup died in 1955 and Mrs. Lu Pickup passed away in 1979. Both are buried in I.O.O.F. cemetery, Chilliwack, B.C.

### THE ROBERT GRAHAM POLLOCK FAMILY

*by F. Bryant and Robert Pollock*

Robert Graham Pollock 1880-1947, was born in Edinborough Scotland, the son of a lumber merchant, and emigrated to Canada as a young man.

His wife Emma Charlotte Pollock was a native of Ireland. Born in 1884, she died in 1941 at 57 years of age. The couple had one son Samuel Graham Pollock, born in Edmonton, Alberta in 1914.

The family moved to Popcum circa 1930 and lived in what was known as the Dougherty home on the south side of Yale Rd. approximately where the Flintstone Park is today (1987).

Robert Pollock was employed as a clerk in the Archibald Brothers' store in Rosedale. He had charge of the egg receiving and shipping part of the business. An outgrowth of the early days when local farmers brought in eggs in exchange for other goods, a large amount of eggs were received, candled, graded and crated for shipment to centres in the Hope and Canyon area and for many logging camps and mill sites in the Harrison Lake area.

Robert Pollock is remembered as a very congenial man, small in stature and wearing a goatee beard. A fine bass singer, he is fondly remembered for solos given at Popcum Christmas concerts. His rendition of "Rocked in the Cradle of the Deep" was a favourite and suited his deep bass voice.

For many years while working in Rosedale, the Pollock family lived at 51409 Yale Rd. in the village.

Emma C. Pollock died in 1941 and R.G. Pollock died in 1947. Both are buried in Royal Canadian Legion Cemetery Chilliwack, B.C.

Son Samuel Graham Pollock served in the Second World War with the New Westminster Regiment, enlisting in 1942 and discharged in 1946 with the rank of Sergeant. Sam, who had been a proficient member of the Rosedale Pro Rec Gymnastic group, put his training to good use, serving as Physical Education Instructor in the armed forces.

He married Rose Kaminski of Edmonton on Nov. 18, 1949 and the couple have two children, son Robert and daughter Barbara, both residing in Coquitlam, B.C. in

1987.

Sam was employed by the Empress Hotel Chilliwack for many years as a beverage dispenser. He was also active in minor youth sports.

Samuel died in 1981 and his ashes are interred in his parents' grave. His wife Rose is also deceased.

## ROBERT POOL

by C.V. Ryder

Robert Pool was born in Shrewsbury, England, in 1870. It is believed that he fought with the British forces in the Boer War and migrated to Canada shortly after. He was an established resident when the Camp Slough Hall Association was formed in 1908, as he is recorded as a trustee.

He farmed 37 acres, south of Castleman Road with access by a quarter-mile of private lane. In recent years the District has accepted this lane as a public road and has named it Poole Road, honouring Mr. Pool but diminishing the honour by mis-spelling his name.



A hunting party in the early 1920's. l-r: William Standeven, Noble Ryder, Hugh Laughlin, Charles Gill and Robert Pool.

He is remembered for a dry humour. On one occasion he had taken a wagonload of pigs to market (presumably to the Chilliwack Landing where buyers, mostly Chinese, were the bidders). After his return he was asked by a friend what price the pigs had fetched. "Well", said Bob, "not as much as I expected, ..... but then I didn't think they would."

He enlisted early in WWI and had seen service in the trenches in France when he wrote a letter from an English hospital where he was recovering from head wounds. The letter was published in the Chilliwack Progress of October 5, 1916. Its strongest statement was "You recollect General Sherman's remark 'War is Hell'. The comparison may have been good in his day but believe me, this war has the place he mentioned looking like an ice cream social."

He returned after the Armistice, bringing with him an English bride, a trained nurse by the name of Florence Eleanor. Her surname is not known, but she was born in 1891 in a family which included actors and artists. In the Camp Slough community she trained the young ladies in

singing and elocution and contributed personally to local entertainment by singing and recitation. She also provided nursing services.

Bob Pool enjoyed tennis, and had a grass tennis court on his lawn at a time when quite a number of other residents did likewise.

The Pools sold their farm in 1927 and moved to Sproat Lake, Vancouver Island. In 1936 they acquired ownership of property and built a home. Mrs. Pool introduced the art of puppetry to Alberni Valley, promoted handicrafts, and enjoyed gardening. She was active in promoting the Sprout Lake Volunteer Fire Department.

Robert Pool died in 1952 at age 82, and Florence in 1975 at age 84.

## THE H.F. PULFORD FAMILY

by Jean (Pulford) Henke

Mr. and Mrs. H.F. Pulford and family, i.e. - Dorothy (Mrs. E. Mills) Evelyn, (Mrs. A.W. Kipp), Jean, (Mrs. J. Henke), Jack, and Alma (Mrs. T. Gieg).

From September 1926, we lived in what is now known as the "Bradley" house, on 51098 Yale Road, as you enter the hub of Rosedale. Coming from Saskatchewan, we were amazed at the abundance of fresh fruit and vegetables everywhere, and we had an oversupply of raspberries, more than we knew what to do with, when we moved into our new home. Our Dad leased these to Mr. Steve Heal, who subsequently bought the place when we moved to Brooks Ave., in Chilliwack in 1928.

There being no electricity that far out from Chilliwack, our Dad installed a Delco Plant in the house, and we had a form of electric lights - not too long afterwards, B.C. Electric had lines out from Chilliwack and it was quite a transformation. I remember our first frigid winter - we were introduced to the famous "North-Easters" that can, and still do, blow in this valley! Our front door blew open, and we were frozen up completely, as was the Fraser River! The ferry was ice-locked, and at that time, the only local link with Agassiz.

I remember:

Mr. Harry Hull guiding cars on and off the ferry, and Mrs. Hull, Ella and Roy. Mr. D.H.H. Lowther, principal of the Elementary School, and as an aside, my teacher at Robertson School when we moved - (through grades 7 & 8) a great tutor. The Rev. Geo. Turpin, then Minister of the United Church - and Sunday School. Mr. and Mrs. E. Archibald and Don Archibald who had the General Store and Post Office. Mr. and Mrs. Peter Close had an ice-cream parlor and confectionary store, as did the McNairs - (Mrs. McNair made great banana splits! and candies, chocolate bars could be bought for less than five cents, more often one cent!) Laurence Lobb had the blacksmith shop, and then there was the McGrath's Garage at the hub of the community. The popular swimming hole at Camp Slough - (everyone swam in the sometimes murky water) and it was nearby the Golf Course, where Dad and Mother, and many others played. I remember the mode of dress for the men at that time - Plus Fours and Argyle socks! Mr. and Mrs. Everett and son Harold, from whom we got lovely fresh eggs, and lived across the road from

us.

I must not forget:

Miss N. English, "Brown Owl" as she was known to so many Brownies and Girl Guides in the community, who came under her tutelage. At this writing she still lives in her home on Hope River Road, where she has lived for over 50 years, and is 88 years young.

The Frank Batstone farm on Yale Road, where Mrs. Batstone made her famous "Devonshire Cream" and sold it at her roadside stand, along with fresh strawberries - a very popular road stop on entering Rosedale.

The George Karr family. Tom was like a brother to my brother Jack. Then there were the Scott boys, George and Ted, the Envas girls and the five Janicki brothers. Evelyn and Muriel Hughes, Evelyn Peterson, who played the organ for Sunday school, and her sister Audrey. Let's not forget that great musician, Reg Henderson, with his player piano, and over Camp River way, were the Gill and Laughlin families.

Thad and Warner Huddlestone were such nice young men.

I also knew Major Theobald who was manager of the golf course on Fairfield Island, where our parents played.

I'm certain there are many more, but memory fails. After all, it is only 60 years ago.

Good wishes to all the residents of Rosedale today. I hope you like it as much as the Pulfords did.

## CHARLES RAILTON AND FAMILY

*information from Sid Railton*

Charles Railton came to the Rosedale area in 1919 as one of the post-war settlers. He bought a farm of 40 acres at 50964 Camp River Road, previously owned by George Moss who moved at this time to Camp River at Gill Road.

The Railton family were members of the Anglican Church and participated in the activities of St. Peters Church in Rosedale.

The older members of the family, Neville and Jim, were engaged part-time in local employment, while the younger members attended Rosedale School. Mr. Railton sold the farm and all equipment in 1925, having decided to pursue interests other than farming.

The oldest son, Neville, now deceased, worked for many years in the mill at Powell River.

Jim was employed with N.W. Sportsman in Vancouver, and is now retired at Qualicum.

Sidney spent his working years in the Bridge River area, and is now retired in West Vancouver.

Margaret "Mickey" Morrison worked for Hudson's Bay Company. She has two sons and is now living in Nanaimo.

Dorothy Billabough was active in sports in her early years. She married a B.C. Police officer and now lives on Saltspring Island.

Charles, the youngest, served in the Air Force in WWII. He was employed with Benson and Hedges Tobacco, and with Neon Products Ltd. Retired to Penticton, B.C., he died in a highway accident in 1987.

## AUSTIN REEVES

*by Isobel (Reeves) Holt*

Austin was born at Penhold, Alberta in 1887, where he farmed. He moved to Rosedale in spring, 1940. He worked for farmers doing many odd jobs. He also was in the Home Guard. He also enjoyed his home and garden. He left Rosedale around 1950 and made his home in Sidney, near Victoria. He never married. He passed away in 1963 at the age of 72. He is buried in the Royal Oaks Cemetery, Victoria.



*Austin Reeve's house on the bank of Camp Slough.*



*Edna (Reeves) Copeland, Jim Reeves, Austin Reeves, and Jim's grandchildren.*

## JIM AND ANNA REEVES

by Isobel (Reeves) Holt

James (Jim) and Anna came to Rosedale in the spring of 1941, from Penhold, Alberta. They purchased the Bartindale Confectionary. Jim and Anna had been farmers all their lives, so running a store was quite a challenge but everyone was so very kind. One day Anna gave an Indian \$20 too much change. She thought it was gone but the next day he brought it back.

Jim did odd jobs as well as looking after his rather spacious lawn, many fruit trees, shrubs and flowers. He also belonged to the Home Guard, which met weekly.



*Jim Reeves on steps of his store.*

Anna helped in the garden where she could, but her health was failing. She loved being in her garden, especially the flower garden. She was quite active in the Women's Institute of which she was secretary in 1943. She also did knitting and sewing for the war effort.

Jim was born in Northamptonshire, England in 1877 and came west with his family in 1887. It was before the railway so they went by horse and wagon from Calgary to Penhold, 100 miles. It was soon after the Riel Rebellion was settled, so the Indians were quite hostile.

Anna was born in Chicago, later moving to Kansas and then to Alberta.

They had two daughters, Edna Copeland of Chilliwack, B.C. and Isobel Holt of Pine Lake, Alberta.

*Austin Reeves, Isobel, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Reeves and Edna.*



In 1944 they sold the store at Rosedale and moved to Clayburn, B.C., where Jim ran his son-in-law's farm. Anna passed away in 1950 at the age of 59 in Abbotsford. Jim moved to Sidney on the Island where he lived till his passing in 1965 at the age of 88. They are both buried in Little Mountain Cemetery, Chilliwack.

## JOSEPH REID, DAN AND ALBERT CURRIE

by Maynard Reid

Irene Picken was born in Mission, B.C. Her father had been associated with the Rat Portage Lumber Company of Ontario. She married Joseph Reid who was employed as a millwright in lumber mills at New Westminster and Harrison Mills. Their two sons, Maynard and Marvin, were born in 1911 and 1914 respectively. Mr. Reid served in the Canadian Forces in World War I and suffered permanent health impairment from poison gas. He died in 1919 after returning to Canada.



*Dan and Irene Currie.*

In 1922 Irene Reid married Dan Currie who, with his brother Albert, farmed property on Chilliwack Central Road. The Currie brothers also had a livery stable business in Vancouver and were for some time engaged in hauling timber from Stanley Park to the Hastings Mill. In addition, they farmed other property in East Chilliwack, leased from Dr. Henderson and now identified as 50141 Chilliwack Central Road. Irene was a Charter Member of the East Chilliwack Women's Institute and was presented with a Life Membership.

Maynard and Marvin attended Rosedale School and



*Dan Currie and Maynard Reid.*

Marvin continued to Chilliwack High School while Maynard undertook to assist in the clearing and operation of the Currie 40 acre farm at 50895 Chilliwack Central Road.

Albert Currie left the district in 1942 and died in 1945. Dan Currie died in 1958 and Irene in 1981. Maynard Reid operated the farm until 1968, when he sold to Ed Guliker. Following this, he worked for the Postal Service on mail delivery contracts. In 1971 he married Mrs. Beulah Beynon who had come to B.C. from Alberta in 1942 and was widowed in 1964. They live now in retirement in the Chilliwack area. Maynard adopted Beulah's youngest daughter, Darlene Mildred.

Marvin married Caroline Hardy of East Chilliwack. After a year or so of farming they left the district and moved to North Vancouver where Marvin established a trucking business. He died in 1966, leaving a family of three sons and two daughters.

## THE DAVID AND ANNIE REGEHR FAMILY

*by Mary (Regehr) Collett*

The Second World War was still not over when Mrs. Annie Regehr with her six children left Marquette, Manitoba, to travel by train to Rosedale, arriving on November 1st, 1944. Mr. David Regehr, a native of Lichtenau Russia, remained in Manitoba and it was a happy day when he was able to join his family in Rosedale some time later. The children were Johanna, Annie, Mary, Agnes, David and Alfred.



*The Regehr residence, 1944.*

The family lived at 51693 Old Yale Road. This was a small farm on the northwest corner of Old Yale and Bustin Road and the home was the historic large wood frame house built by Jack Martin, well known pioneer builder, for his family in 1911.

For the Regehr family it meant long hours of hard work growing strawberries and raspberries, tending to cows, pigs and chickens and harvesting hay by hand. Besides work at home all family members picked hops and beans. Enough wild blackberries were picked to buy the first tractor for the farm and a car, each costing one thousand dollars.

The unique feature of the Regehr family venture was the construction of a wood-fired drying kiln to preserve Italian prunes. A fairly large custom business was developed over several years, at a time when there were extensive prune orchards in the Upper Valley. As this drying service was available so close to home it was possible to take the fruit to the dryer when it was at its prime for ripeness and the result was a very superior and delicious product. The techniques used in drying had been learnt by Annie Regehr in her native home of Samara, Russia.

Mrs. Regehr was so adept in the drying techniques that she could gauge the temperature by simply putting her hand in the kilns and never used a thermometer. The right amount of the correct kind of wood would be added to the burners on a twenty-four hour a day routine. The thrill of being able to say that the dried prunes were from your very own trees, enabled the family to be very busy for several weeks in the fall. Eggs produced on the farm were sold to the Archibalds store in Rosedale or traded for groceries.

Mr. and Mrs. Regehr Sr. were members of the East Chilliwack Mennonite Brethren Church and worshipped there when transportation was available. Alfred and David Jr. attended Rosedale Elementary School and also attended the Boys groups of Rosedale United Church under the leadership of Fred Bryant.

Miss Johanna Regehr passed away in 1963 and Mrs. Annie Regehr died on the 4th of January, 1969. Both are buried in the I.O.O.F. Cemetery Chilliwack, B.C.

A year later David Regehr Sr. married Mrs. Katie

Mathies. The couple are now, in 1987, residents of Menno Home in Abbotsford, B.C.

Daughter Mary married her farm neighbour Robert Collett in 1961 and the couple have operated a dairy farm at 51614 Old Yale Rd. Mary and Bob are members of the Alliance Church, where they are active in the Awana Club, (AWANA "Approved Workmen Are Not Ashamed").



David and Anna Regehr and family. l-r: Agnes, Johanna, David, Alfred, Mary and Annie. Alfred's daughter, Darlene on Grandpa's lap.

Alfred Regehr married Elsie Beger in 1954 and the couple have one child, Darlene (Mrs. Don White). In 1969 Alfred married Mrs. Doris Hamilton, a lady with daughter Gale and son Rex. Alfred and Doris have a son Brent. This family lives in Nanoose Bay, B.C. where Alfred is a heavy equipment operator as a road builder.

David Regehr has been active in the logging industry. For several years Dave and his family lived at 51647 Old Yale Rd. David married Mrs. Patricia Hardy who had a daughter Frances and sons Bill and Don. Dave and Pat have five children, Wayne, Kenneth, Darcy (deceased 1986), Debbie and Dianne. Mrs. Patricia Regehr passed away in 1986 and later that year Dave married Carolina Vanosh and they live in Agassiz, B.C. They attend Chilliwack Central Mennonite Brethern Church.

Annie Regehr married Fred Schram, a widower with son Gilbert and this couple have a son Gary.

Agnes Regehr travelled in Europe and Africa, where she met and married Alfred Martin. The couple had two daughters born in Africa, Karen and Barbara. The family now resides in Vancouver, B.C.

## CORNELIUS AND MARY REMPEL

by Jeanette (Rempel) Lock

In March of 1944, Corny Rempel purchased a 12 acre farm from Roy Nelson for \$4,500.00. There was a

1/2 acre orchard, 2 acres of raspberries and about a dozen cows. He had moved from his original homestead in Swift Current Saskatchewan to 10605 McGrath Road North in Rosedale.

Mary arrived two weeks later with Bob who was 3 years old and Lois who was one year. The day she arrived at the train station in Agassiz, the door fell off Dad's '24 Chrysler; consequently he missed the Agassiz-Rosedale ferry and arrived very late.

That spring, Mother thought she'd arrived in the garden of Eden, there was so much fruit in the garden at her disposal. She canned hundreds of jars of fruit.

In those early years, Dad had many odd jobs to help make ends meet. He picked corn and hops and then worked at Frazer Vale for 15 years. Mom took care of chores, raspberries and kids. They attended the Alliance Tabernacle in Chilliwack.

In 1945 a daughter, Doreen was added to the family and in 1951 Jeanette was born. All attended Rosedale Elementary School.



Corny and Mary Rempel with Lois, Bob and Doreen.

Some memories from those early years include the time Bob, Lois and Doreen, along with neighbors Dale and Sandy Wilbourn found Ernie Willbourn's green paint can. Bob undressed the others and painted everyone green. What a sight met mother's eyes.

In 1963, Dad sold the farm to Ernie Willbourn and the family moved to Chilliwack. In 1984, Mom passed away at the age of 70. Dad continues to live in Chilliwack.

Bob and Ulla reside in Coquitlam, Lois and Torry Small in Chilliwack, Doreen and Merv Henry in North Vancouver, and Jeanette and Brian Lock live in Chilliwack.

## THE RIEDIGER FAMILY

by Pete Riediger

Aron K. and Justina Riediger moved from Blumenort, Saskatchewan to Popkum in 1945. Their children were; Aron, Helena, Justina, Mary, Tina, Peter and Elizabeth. They purchased the historic Thompson farm from Julius Martin at 10102 Gray Road. This was operated as a dairy

farm, and milk was shipped in cans to the F.V.M.P.A.

The family purchased the Popkum school from the School Board and moved it around the corner to the farm where it was used as a chickenhouse. Pete recalls that he was one of only two pupils in grade 7 when the teacher was Mrs. Alonzo Grigg, formerly Evelyn Cole. The school was closed in June of 1946.

It was Aron and Peter who maintained an interest in Popkum. Aron formed Riediger Trucking and hauled much of the marl from Popkum Lake bed. Peter operated the drag line to excavate the marl and also operated the loader and spreading machine, that spread much of the marl on valley farms. When Cheam Marl Products ceased operations at the end of 1987, Peter Riediger had logged thirty-three years of work with the company.



*The Riediger home. (The former Thompson house).*

In 1988 Helena, Justina and Mary Riediger are living in Vancouver, B.C., and Miss Tina Riediger resides in Chilliwack. Aron and his wife Helen and Peter with his wife Irene live in Chilliwack, B.C. Elizabeth married Henry Esau of Rosedale and lives in Kitchener, Ontario.

Mr. and Mrs. A.K. Riediger are both deceased.

## JOHN RILEY

*by Virginia (Hess) McBreen*

John Riley was the original white settler at Cheam View, about 1900. He was an Irishman who came from Missouri, U.S.A. and said he had ridden a donkey across to California, later coming to B.C. He was a recluse and met all strangers with a gun, until he saw they were not after him. He seemed to have been hiding in B.C. from some incident in his past.

He had been a labor foreman during the construction of the CPR.

After purchasing the property, my father allowed Mr. Riley to continue to live in his little cabin as long as he wished. John was pleased about that and became friendly with the Hess Family. His cabin was situated between the CNR siding and the river. The cabin had a Virginia style fireplace. This was where he cooked all of his food, as he had no stove. The fireplace was his only source of heat. The furniture consisted of a table and a homemade bunk. Mr. Riley died at an advanced age at St. Mary's Hospital in New Westminster, B.C.



*John Riley.*

## TOM RILEY

*by Violet (Riley) Armstrong and Edith Bates*

All the business of war, indeed all the business of living, is to endeavor to find out what you don't know by what you do. It was a promise of a land of milk, honey and gold that brought Tom from his home in England to Canada shortly after World War I.

Tom was a member of a large family of children born to Gideon and Emma Riley of Bradford, Yorkshire, England. His parents and brothers and sisters alike made their living in the 18th century woolen factories along the mill streams of Yorkshire.

Tom ran away from home, at the age of 16, with his two brothers and joined the Light Infantry Division of the Imperial Army. He served overseas in the war zones until 1918. His two brothers died in service. It was shortly after his discharge that Tom came to Canada, first to Edmonton where he found the winters too severe, and secondly to the Fraser Valley. He eventually bought his home and 10 acres at 9850 Pelly Road with assistance of the Soldier Settlement Board.

November 16, 1939 Tom married Harriet Ellen Bates. Harriet was the eldest of a family of five children. A native of Lumsden Sask., she lived and worked in Vancouver. Harriet met Tom Riley while visiting her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Beer of Rosedale.

In 1940 Tom Riley was among the first to enlist for overseas in World War II. His devotion to his homeland and his desire to serve took him back to Great Britain. He returned to Chilliwack in 1944.

The Rileys have two children: Violet Ann, born 1940 and Robert James born 1946.

Violet started school at Flood, B.C., and attended Rosedale Elementary and Chilliwack High School, graduating in 1958. She worked in Vancouver, Edmonton, Banff and Chilliwack. She married Douglas Armstrong, youngest son of Charles and Dora Armstrong. Doug and Violet own a dairy farm on Kitchen Road. They have three children: Dianne, Tom and Patricia.

Robert James (Bob) and his wife Marvel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Dowler of Independence, Missouri, lives in Lethbridge, Alta. They have two boys: Jared and Ammon. Bob attended Rosedale Elementary, Junior High and Chilliwack Senior High Schools. After graduating from B.C.I.T., Burnaby he found employment in Alberta and is a member of Alberta Land Surveyors. He worked extensively in the North. Marvel, who has a degree in nursing and teaching, now teaches English in Lethbridge. Bob and Marvel devote much time to church work.

Mrs. Riley passed away in 1960. Shortly after her death Tom retired from his work at the Army Base, Vedder Crossing. Eventually he sold his home on Pelly Road and moved to a home in Chilliwack. He passed away in 1969.

## MR. AND MRS. WM. P. ROBERTSON AND JEAN ROBERTSON

*by Fred Bryant and Alan Kirkby*

William Robertson was a member of a prominent Chilliwack family and grew up in the Chilliwack area. He was a member of the first graduating class of Chilliwack High School in 1913. He attended Provincial Normal School and received his Teaching Certificate. He served overseas in the First World War and returned to Canada to teach school at Anyox, B.C. from 1921 until June 1928. He was then appointed Principal of Rosedale Elementary School.

As Principal he had the supervision of the teaching staff and the general administration of all school programs, along with discipline of all students and instruction of the senior grades. These grades usually had 30 pupils more or less.

Without doubt most of his students would say that Bill Robertson was "a good teacher". He was a strict disciplinarian in the classroom and on the school grounds, but he had a keen sense of humour and appreciation of the individual that made him well liked and respected by most pupils.

Bill could administer the strap as a last resort when necessary, and that was not uncommon, but at the same time he would get out onto the playing field and could kick a football (old English style) with his left foot with great accuracy. He was usually to be found on the playing fields at noon hour and quite often the game would go on after classes should have started. Bill was a heavy smoker and it was well-known that he would retire to the furnace room to stoke the fire and have a cigarette. Likely he picked up the habit during war service, but he never failed to admonish a boy caught smoking. In those days many pupils would be kept at home when farm work demanded. The Bryant boys remember Bill saying, "When you get all those potatoes dug, we would like to see you around here a little more often". Fred recalls him standing over him during a drawing lesson and saying "Bryant, if they ever get another war going, be sure you get a job painting camouflage, you can make more things look like something that they aren't than anyone I know of". He held the position of Principal at Rosedale with distinction until June 30th 1951 when he was transferred

to Vedder Elementary School.

Bill Robertson married Miss Agnes Gow of Vancouver and the couple had one daughter Jean. Jean grew up in Rosedale and attended Rosedale Elementary School. She was May Queen in 1931. Jean graduated from Chilliwack High School and Provincial Normal School and held teaching positions in the Chilliwack area until her death in 1975.

In Rosedale the family resided for many years in the St. Peter's Anglican Church Rectory on Nelson Ave. Bill was an avid gardener and had a large planting of tomatoes. Mrs. Agnes Robertson was a member of the Ladies Aid of Rosedale United Church. Jean attended the True Bible Sunday School class and the Young People's Society of the Church.

Mrs. Robertson passed away in 1956.

Bill Robertson was an active member of the Rosedale Athletic Club serving on the board for all the years that he lived here and as president from 1949 to 1951. He was active in the Branch 4 Royal Canadian Legion and served as president, 1944-45 and 1949. Bill spent his retirement years in Chilliwack and passed away in 1984 at age 89 years.



*Mr. A.M. Rogers.*

## A.M. ROGERS AND FAMILY

*Information from Mrs. Florence Johnston  
and PROGRESS obit. Aug. 7, 1929*

Albert Milton Rogers (1864-1929) was born in the town of Newton Robinson in Simcoe County, Ontario. In 1888 he married Elizabeth Courtney whose brother Joshua later came west and settled in the Camp Slough region. Mr. Rogers farmed for nineteen years in Wawanesa,

Ontario. At the time of the death of his wife, he moved to the Chilliwack Valley, having at that time a family of two sons and seven daughters. In the valley he engaged in farming on Gibson Road and was an active trader and agent in real estate, with an office in Chilliwack in the Irwin Building at the Five Corners. From at least as early as 1912, he owned a three-acre plot at 10525 McGrath Road north, owned and occupied after 1930 by his son-in-law Roy Johnston. A portion of the three-acre plot was later owned by son-in-law Hugh Hammond and wife May who settled there for retirement after 1950.

In the Rosedale area the Rogers family also owned a quarter section of foothill property southeast of the intersection of Ford and Chilliwack Central Roads, with title in the name of son John Henry (Harry) Rogers. Harry had enlisted in World War I at the age of fourteen and suffered permanent lung damage from inhalation of mustard gas. The only family member to live on the Ford Road property was son George who later moved to California. The Rogers family was involved in ditching projects for the drainage of their property and others adjoining.

At the time of his death in 1929, Mr. Rogers was survived by nine children: Zelma Hallom, Harry, Elva Buckingham, Gertie Farquhar, George, Victoria Balcares, Lillian Edwards, May Hammond and Florence Johnston.

See separate accounts of the Edgar Buckingham and Roy Johnston families.

## ROYDS

*researched by C. V. Ryder and F. H. Bryant*

The Royds family were active in the community during the first two decades of this century, but the information available is incomplete. Captain Clement Royds and his wife Charlotte Jane Royds, lived at the southeast corner of Yale and Annis Roads. The Chilliwack Progress of June 3rd, 1908 records that a new home was built. It is believed that this home is part of the present Landsman Cafe. It is thought that the title Captain was as a sea captain.

Clement and Charlotte Royds had a family of four daughters and two sons. The girls were Dorothy (Royds) Davis, Florence (Royds) Phillipson, Dulcie, and Gladys (Royds) Sellers. The sons were Leo, who with his wife Connie son Eric also lived on Yale Rd., further west from his parents home.

It is reported that Leo joined the Gold rush to the Yukon and was not heard of again.

A second son, Nowell Royds, born in 1893, is identified along with his nephew Eric Royds in a 1910 elementary school picture. *The Chilliwack Progress* of July 13th, 1910 lists a Royds as playing right field for the Rosedale Baseball team, and this is thought to be Nowell. Nowell Royds volunteered for service in World War I - Aug. 13, 1914. He was killed in action as Private Royds on April 24th, 1915 while serving with the 7th Battalion, Canadian Infantry, British Columbia Regiment. Nowell Royds was believed to be one of the first casualties of the war from this area. His body is buried in Tyne Cot

Cemetery, Passchendaele, Belgium. The war office lists his parents' residence as Capilano, B.C. (North Vancouver). A memorial chair with an inscription was placed in St. Peter's Anglican Church Rosedale, in August, 1915, and is still in use in 1988.

In the Chilliwack Progress of July 31st, 1919 there is mention of Mrs. Royds of Rosedale receiving guests from Hamilton, Ontario.

Two parcels of land west of the Annis-Yale road intersection were owned by Mrs. Constance Royds until 1925.

## ARTHUR D. RUNDLE AND FAMILY

*by Fred H. Bryant*

With a few short months of my writing this resumé, Arthur Rundle will have completed sixty years of active participation in the life and work of the Christian Church in the Chilliwack area east of Chilliwack City Centre and from the mountains on Upper Prairie Road to the banks of the Fraser River on the north.

The depth of the witness and the faithfulness of service of this man is rarely seen, seldom equalled, and never more influential on the lives of others.

A.D. Rundle was born in the first year of the 20th century in Somerset, England. He was the seventh child born to the Reverend and Mrs. Henry Rundle. He left Chichester, Sussex, England to emigrate to Canada early in the spring of 1924.

The Archives of the Church record the acceptance of Arthur D. Rundle in East Chilliwack Presbyterian Church on August 6th, 1924, by transfer from the United Methodist Church, Victoria, the Isle of Wight. It was in the fellowship of the Young People's Society and Sunday School of the Church that he met and later married Miss Eleanor Johnston on October 19th, 1927.

He crossed the Atlantic on the steamship, Doric, of the White Star line, with two of his brothers and a brother-in-law, docking in Halifax where he stayed overnight before starting the long journey by CNR to Vancouver.

Mr. Rundle had completed three and one-half years in dairy farming in England so sought work at the Employment Offices in Vancouver in farming. He responded to an advertisement from Mr. Nelson Johnson, on Upper Prairie Road. After nearly two years with Mr. Johnson he had the misfortune to fall from his horse and badly fracture his arm. Unable to continue his work, and after a period in hospital, he was offered employment with the prominent farm family of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. McNair on Chilliwack Central Road. Mrs. McNair was a very fine Christian lady and active in the church and especially well-known for her stand in the temperance movement. The understanding and help of Mrs. McNair had a long and valued influence on the young Englishman. Mr. Rundle recalls how Mr. McNair gave him the choice of the herd to milk until his arm regained its strength. There were no milking machines at that time.

In 1928 it was time to start out on his own in farming and Mr. and Mrs. Rundle acquired the E.D. Barrow farm at 48998 Camp River Road where he still resides. Mr.

Rundle recalled that during that winter, with the help of the late Thomas R. McBlain who drove the team and wagon with personal effects, Arthur and a good cattle dog herded 20 head of stock from Prairie Central Road to the new farm and never saw a car or vehicle on the entire trip. Mr. Rundle related that this was the twelfth of December 1928 and he remembers it well, because by 11:30 p.m. and within twenty-four hours of moving onto the farm his first child, daughter Audrey, was born. The family, grew to be three daughters and one son: Audrey, Ruth, Beatrice and Rex. With all their family around them they celebrated their 50 golden years in 1977.

At this point we are unable to determine exactly when



*Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Rundle with their family: Ruth, Rex, Audrey and Beatrice.*

Arthur was elected to the Session of the church but he has been an Elder continuously for as long as anyone can remember, likely well past 50 years. When he first took part in the church in 1924 he was a Sunday School teacher and several men today attest to the fine teacher that he was. Arthur and his family continued to attend services in East Chilliwack until the church was closed, moving with the congregation to Cheam Church at that time and later to Rosedale when it became a one point pastoral charge. For a number of years services were also held in the Camp River church by several leaders and the Rundle family took part there as well, most likely at afternoon services.

On the farm, Arthur Rundle established a high quality herd of purebred and grade Jersey cattle. At retirement from the farm, the previous ten year average production of the herd was 535 lbs. of butterfat. Good soil and crop management was always a high priority, and this was exemplified in the well kept grounds and gardens that made such a picturesque setting for the new home on the banks of the Camp River.

Always community minded, A.D. Rundle found time

in a busy farm life for involvement in many activities. He was an active member of the Chilliwack & District Chamber of Commerce from 1931 to 1974 and the Chilliwack & District Agricultural Society for nearly as long, serving as president of the Society and the Fair Board.

Arthur was a keen exhibitor of fruits and vegetables and more recently has specialized in gladiola exhibits. He was also accorded the honor of being "Chilliwack's Citizen to be Recognized" in the year 1961.

He was elected to the School District Board of Trustees in 1938 and served continuously for 29 years, a good portion of these as Board Chairman. It was during this period that consolidation of Schools took place and great progress in education resulted. The A.D. Rundle Jr. Secondary School is named in his honour. In 1950 he was president of the British Columbia School Trustee Association and was on the Board of the Canadian Association of Education.

In 1955 Arthur Rundle was chosen by his fellow dairy Co-op members as a Director of the Fraser Valley Milk Producers Association where he served for nineteen years, the last six as Vice-President. He served for three years as a member of the Canadian Dairy Advisory Commission. It was this group that made great strides in the organization of the Dairy Farmers of Canada. It was in Saskatchewan while attending a Commission meeting that he suffered the severe stroke that necessitated his relinquishing of public duties.

Arthur Rundle's contribution to Agriculture was recognized in 1974 when he was appointed to the Agriculture Senate by the B.C. Federation of Agriculture.

He has been a member of the Chilliwack Rotary Club from 1965 to the present. He was one of the original instigators of the studies for improved water flows in the Camp River for irrigation and beautification purposes. It is a great source of pride to Arthur to see that project nearing completion as a Rotary Camp-Hope Improvement Program. In the Rotary Club for the Year 1984 he was made a Paul Harris Fellow. This recognition for outstanding service to Rotary has only been given to six other members.

He was a member of the Masonic Lodge for nearly thirty years. It is indicative of the man and his strong faith in God and his fellowman that he had beaten a serious illness that would have caused most men to give up. Faced with severe paralysis of voice and limbs, Arthur regained almost complete recovery. He enjoyed a good conversation, clear memory, and at eighty-four years of age, drove his own car to church each Sunday and to Rotary meetings each Friday.

In tribute, perhaps it is best simply to say that Arthur Rundle was a "chip off the old block" for in the biography of his father is this quote "he is as straight as a line, as firm as a rock, as true as steel and as good as gold." Reference: "Biographical sketches, 1906."

Many people have been privileged to have known this man, Mr. Arthur D. Rundle, for many years and he has been a great influence for good to all who have known him as a christian brother, friend, and neighbour.

Arthur Rundle passed away in August, 1987.

## DAVID RUTLEY AND FAMILY

by Don Rutley

David Oswald Rutley with his wife Cozy brought their four children with them to Popkum in 1947. Dave was engaged in the raising of purebred Yorkshire Swine and was active in the B.C. Purebred Swine Breeders Association, and exhibited at the Chilliwack Fair. In 1952 he lost his barns and stock in a fire, but with the help of family and friends was able to get re-established. He was known as a good neighbour, always ready to lend a helping hand.



Mr. and Mrs. D.O. Rutley with their children and grandchildren: Back row, l-r: Keith, Margaretrose, and Donald. Front row: Mrs. Cozy Rutley with Bobbie, Douglas and Mr. David Rutley holding Bruce Rutley. At right: Lorna.

His wife Cozy was a registered nurse and continued to help out in her new home as she had done in Saskatchewan wherever there was a need. For some years she nursed at the Glenwood Nursing Home in Agassiz. She was active in the Popkum Senior Citizen's group and in the Popkum Community Association. She was a member of the Rosedale United Church and helped in the Sunday School where she was a favourite in telling Bible stories to the children.

Son Donald married Eleanor (Nell) Easson in 1951 and they have four sons: Douglas with wife Michele, Bruce with wife Lois, Robert "Bob" and wife Diane, Scott and wife Karen and one daughter, Triena.

They farmed at 9351 Gibson road for twenty years where they established a purebred Guernsey herd and were 4-H leaders for over 10 years. Don has been employed with the B.C. Department of Highways for 35 years and is currently. In 1977 they moved to a new home at 10189 Caryks Road. For all their time in Rosedale Don and Nell have been active in the Rosedale United Church where Don was Sunday School Superintendent for over 25 years.

Daughter Lorna attended Chilliwack High School until 1952, at which time she joined the Royal Canadian Air Force. While in the forces she met and married Gilles Pettigrew. They have three children: Katharine, Michael and Joanne. They are retired and reside in White Rock.

Son Keith also attended school in Chilliwack following which he joined the Royal Canadian Navy. Following his career in the Navy he has been working in the logging industry. He has one daughter Pamela. He, along with

his wife Micqueline, now reside in Fraser Lake, B.C.

Daughter Margaretrose, after high school married Douglas Brunner in 1957. Margaretrose specializes in floral arrangements and has a small flower business in her home and is also an excellent seamstress. They have three daughters: Diana with husband Stuart MacGregor, Simone, and Coleen with husband Gary Kerik.

Dave passed away October 12, 1978 in Chilliwack General Hospital. Cozy passed away August 23, 1982, also in Chilliwack General Hospital.



Back row, l-r: Douglas Brunner, Don Rutley holding Joanne Pettigrew, Keith, Mr. Dave Rutley, Gil Pettigrew holding son, Michael. Middle row: Margaretrose (Rutley) Brunner, Nell Rutley, Lois Rutley, Mrs. Cozy Rutley, Lorna (Rutley) Pettigrew. Front row: Bruce and Douglas Rutley, Kathy Pettigrew, Bobbie Rutley.

## THE HARVEY AND WILLIAM RUTLEY FAMILIES

by William (Bill) Rutley

William Rutley arrived in Chilliwack in 1940 from Cutknife, Saskatchewan. He went to work in a logging camp on Harrison Lake in 1941. In all he spent 35 years at logging. He married Ebba Lendall from Outlook, Saskatchewan in 1942.

Another son, Alex Rutley and family moved to Chilliwack from Cutknife in 1941. He also worked at logging until his death in 1976.

William purchased the Mrs. Ida Simoens' farm in 1943. His father Harvey and wife Alma and 3 children, Peggy, Betty and Terrence, arrived in 1943. Terry was killed in an accident on his way home from school in his 6th year.

They milked cows and shipped milk to F.V.M.P.A. for a few years. Harvey passed away in 1968. Alma Rutley still resides on the same property with us (1985). We subdivided 30 acres off our 70 acres for David Rutley, a



*Bill and Ebba Rutley on the Rosedale Agassiz, Ferry, 1942. Note 1931 Model A Ford Coupé.*



*Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Rutley's home on the original John Simeons' farm.*

brother of Harvey's in 1946. All this property needed clearing and breaking, very different from Saskatchewan farming. It was hard work especially picking stones and boulders.

## **CORY S. RYDER AND FAMILY**

*by C. V. Ryder*

*Cory Spencer Ryder* (1834-1911) moved to the Rosedale area in 1896 with wife Amanda and family of two sons and eight daughters to occupy a farm of 50 acres bounded on the east and north by the present Bustin and Ferry roads, purchased from Milton Gilbert and earlier owned by Patrick McGrath who lived on adjoining property on the north side.

Cory Ryder was born near Kingston, Ontario, of parents both descended from Loyalists who had migrated to Canada from the American colonies following American Independence. Cory and brother John settled on adjoining farms in Cheam shortly after 1870. John also owned property in the foothills to the south of the valley containing a lake which, with the surrounding community, now carries his name. Another brother James, who migrated west independently and worked on

construction of the C.P.R., owned and farmed on property in East Chilliwack. A widowed sister, Mrs. Matilda Harrison, owned and operated the Harrison House Hotel in Chilliwack 1878 to 1907.

In 1872 Cory Ryder married Amanda T. Robinson (1849-1928). She had come from England to Nanaimo in 1854 by sailing ship, as a child of age five with her parents, returning with her father in 1859 to England where she received education. They ventured again to Vancouver Island, where Amanda lived with her cousin Cornelius Bryant and family. Mr. Bryant was a teacher and a Methodist missionary, and it was in accompanying him on missionary visits to Sumas and Chilliwack that Amanda Robinson became acquainted with Cory Ryder.

While living in Cheam, Mr. Ryder donated land for construction of the Cheam church, and constructed the first bridge across Hope Slough (at that time a flood channel of the Fraser River separating Rosebank Island.) He served as secretary of the Cheam School District, and was a municipal councillor for two years. In 1893 he was postmaster of the Cheam post office (later discontinued on introduction of Chilliwack rural routes). About this time he opened a general store on his property in Cheam. In the very severe local depression which followed the valley-wide flood of 1894, this business failed. Dispossessed, the family lived temporarily for a year on a rented farm in East Chilliwack before moving to Rosedale for a new start in farming on "one of the finest 50-acre stands of cedar stumps in the eastern valley".

Before 1900 the municipality had opened what was later the Ferry Road leading to the Fraser River, and the Bustin Road along the east side of the Ryder farm. The Chilliwack dyke, constructed in 1899, occupied a strip of property along the north side.

The Ryder sons and daughters attended school at Cheam, later at Camp Slough when the school was situated at the Chapman Road, and finally, as late as 1910, in the second Rosedale School built in 1905. One daughter, Edith Helen, attended Chilliwack High School and the Normal School in Vancouver. After 1907, Mrs. Ryder arranged for four of her daughters in sequence to receive training at the Columbia School of Business in Vancouver.

Cory S. Ryder died in 1911, and his widow in 1928, when the ownership of the farm passed to son G. Noble Ryder.

Sons and daughters, in order of age:

*Herbert*, born 1874, died in childhood at age eight years.

*Victor* (1876-1960) did not remain on the farm in Rosedale but was a frequent visitor. An athlete of local note in his early years, he lived in Princeton in the Similkameen district. In 1911 he married Miss Martha Popple of Bellingham. In the war of 1914-1918 he enlisted with the 172 Rocky Mountain Rangers CEF and was on active service in France. After the war, Mr. and Mrs. Victor Ryder lived in Princeton, Bellingham, Cultus Lake, and White Rock. When living at Cultus Lake, Victor Ryder was a member of the local branch Canadian Legion and the Chilliwack Lawn Bowling Club.

*Anne* (1881-1896) worked in the Harrison House Hotel



*Mr. and Mrs. Cory Ryder about 1888 with family: Noble, Victor, Mary (May), Helen (Nell), Annie and Ernestine.*

in Chilliwack for her aunt Mrs. Harrison. She died at age 17 of tuberculosis.

*Mary (May) Matilda* (1881-1965) spent two years in California before taking business training and pursuing a successful career in a business office in Vancouver. About 1930 she went again to California where she married Allan H. Wright of San Diego. Widowed in 1937, she returned to Vancouver for a short time, then spent her remaining years in California and Mexico.

*George Noble* (1883-1963) was a Rosedale citizen for his complete active life ---- see separate account.

*Emily Ernestine* (1885-1961) did not marry. She helped at home for many years, and later lived and worked in the Chilliwack area, in Paris, Ontario, and in Victoria.

*Edith Helen (Nell)*, (1887-1976) taught school in various parts of British Columbia and returned to Rosedale after marriage to Howard Patriquin ---- see separate account in his name.

*Annette (Nettie) Lillian* (1891-1975) worked in Vancouver until marriage to Cyril Sharp about 1931, after which they lived in Rosedale on Nixon Road ---- see separate account in his name.

*Jessie Edna* (1891-1969), twin of Annette, took business training and worked in Vancouver until marriage to Philip Fraser of Vancouver in 1926. They had two sons, John and Richard, both living in Vancouver.

*Laura Henrietta*, (1893-1984) took business training and worked for F.V.M.P.A. in Vancouver until marriage to Fred Parsons of Vancouver after his return from the war in 1919. They engaged in a farming venture in Alberta which was unsuccessful, then returned to Vancouver where Mr. Parsons pursued his trade as an ornamental plasterer, leaving evidence of his art in such buildings as the Vancouver Hotel and the Marine Building. They had one daughter, Mrs. George (Phyllis) McLeod of Woodfibre, and one son Kenneth living in North Vancouver.

*Bertha Irene* (1896-1981), youngest of the family,

married Edgar Fenton of Ladner about 1924. Mr. Fenton was well-known in Ladner where he operated a retail hardware business.

## G. NOBLE RYDER AND FAMILY

*by C. V. Ryder*

*George Noble Ryder* (1883-1963) was born in Cheam, a few miles from Rosedale, and came to Rosedale in 1896 with his parents who had purchased a farm south and west of the intersection of the present Ferry and Bustin roads and having originally some frontage on the Fraser River. (See separate account of the Cory Ryder family). He completed his elementary school education at the Camp Slough school, and then assumed a large burden in the operation of the Ryder farm, his father being then age 64.



*Noble Ryder with Louisa and Dot Braithwaite on a Sunday afternoon outing in Stanley Park.*

He worked on construction of the Chilliwack dyke which appropriated a strip of the farm and cut off the river frontage. The construction was apparently at the time of the second contract, begun in 1899 and completed in 1901. Somewhat too young to take on a heavy labour role, he was employed as cook's helper.

Together with the McGrath and Vallance brothers, before 1907 he provided occasional unscheduled ferry service across the river by rowboat. In 1907 he entered partnership with Charles Gill in providing a regular ferry service from McGrath's Landing, using a seven-horsepower launch and scow, providing daily trips and at other times on call by means of the newly-established telephone service. The ferry business was sold to Walter McGrath in 1910. In 1922 when the provincial government took over the ferry service, he was employed on the government ferry as assistant purser and deck hand until about 1930, then returned to the farm which had been rented during this period. In the years that followed, he operated the farm along with activity in municipal affairs as councillor and reeve. In total, he served for 20 years as councillor and eight years as reeve, a record exceeded only later by Mr. W. T. Richardson.

In his retirement years following 1945, he was a part-

time adviser to the administration of the Veterans' Land Act in New Westminster.

He was an early member of the FVMFA when it became effective about 1916, and remained a member through his years of dairy farming.

When the Camp Slough Hall Association was founded in 1908, he bought shares and contributed labour in the construction of the hall.

Although dabbling in tennis in an informal Camp Slough tennis club, he was totally dedicated to baseball, playing for the Rosedale team for 25 years beginning in 1900. He was a charter member of the Rosedale Athletic Club, and was active in supporting and promoting the construction of the Community Hall.

In 1915 he married Louisa Braithwaite (1887-1959), daughter of Charles Braithwaite who came in 1905 from Portage la Prairie, Manitoba. (See separate account). She was involved in local musical activities as a capable pianist, particularly as an accompanist, and a contralto vocalist, in duet with her sister Margaret (Mrs. E.E. Boule). She sang in the Rosedale United Church choir and was organist for some period of time, under the direction of Mr. E. Archibald.



*Noble and Louisa Ryder, 1915.*

Four children were born to Noble and Louisa Ryder, all attending Rosedale elementary school and Chilliwack High School:

Marg. Ardell, born 1916, attended Normal School and taught briefly at Yarrow. She married Sam Walmsley, a valley resident, in 1946. They live in Burnaby and have two sons, John and William.

Charles V., born 1917, attended University of British Columbia, graduating with a degree in Electrical Engineering and pursuing this profession for 40 years in Hamilton, Ontario. He is now in process of repatriation to a retirement life in Chilliwack.

Roberta M., born 1918, attended business school and worked in Vancouver, later as bookkeeper for Bretts Ltd.

in Chilliwack. She married Leland Boule, formerly of Rosedale, in 1942. This marriage dissolved, and when employed as bookkeeper and secretary for Balco Forest Products in Kamloops, she married company president Alfred Balison in 1959. She now lives in Chilliwack. Mr. Boule and Mr. Balison are deceased.

Amy E., born 1922, took an extension business course after matriculation and worked briefly before marriage to Kenneth Hoff of Rosedale in 1942. They now live in Chilliwack. (See separate account of the Hoff family).

## THE RAY SAUNDERS FAMILY

*by Clara (Saunders) Johnston*

Ray and Alma Saunders with daughters Cora, Winona and Lola and son Ray came to Rosedale from Lacombe, Alberta in 1938.

They lived first on Yale Rd. just east of the C.N.R. tracks and later moved to the Bartindale lunchroom and small store opposite the Community Hall.

Ray worked for Ross Keller at the garage as a mechanic and he also did some of the first electrical wiring of homes and farms around the village. He was also an excellent finishing carpenter and helped complete many homes in the Rosedale area.

Following the time at the store, the family lived for several years on the Triangle property at the intersection of Yale Rd and Nevin Rd. now 50930 Yale. This was the small farm known as the Duncan Munro place.

The younger children attended Rosedale Elementary School and Chilliwack High School. The family attended Rosedale United Church and Sunday School. Clara was a C.G.I.T. leader. In 1940 Clara married Leslie Johnston at a ceremony in the Church, conducted by Rev. T.S. Paton. Les served in the Canadian Armed Services from 1943 to 1945. For over 20 years they lived at Telkwa, B.C. where Les managed a beef farm and later owned his own beef farm. For a few years Les worked in B.C. Forest Services until his retirement to Sicamous in 1984.

Les and Clara have five children:

Shirley (Mrs. Gordon Whitefield), New Hazelton, B.C.

Ken (wife Margaret) Smithers, B.C.

Ray (wife Lorraine) Terrace, B.C.

Tom (wife Ruby) Chetwyn, B.C.

Lola Saunders married Colin Ryan and lives in Burnaby.

Winona Saunders married George Harknett and lives in Victoria.

Stan Saunders and his wife Katy live in Qualicum Vancouver Island.

Ray Saunders passed away in 1956 at Surrey, B.C.

Mrs. Alma Saunders continues to live in the Surrey area.



*Mr. and Mrs. Roy Schinkel on their 60th Wedding Anniversary. 1-r: Edward, Bernice, Jack, Roy and Wanda, Ida and Ervin*

## THE RUDOLF SCHINKEL FAMILY

*by Jack Schinkel*

Rudolf Schinkel, his wife, Wanda, and five children, Edward, Ida, Ervin, Bernice, and Jack came to Vernon, B.C. in 1935 from Esk, Saskatchewan. In 1937 they settled in Rosedale at what is now 10483 McGrath Road, North, on a farm purchased from Jack Cook - (it had been previously owned by the Bartlett brothers). On the farm property was a five-room house with no plumbing or electricity, a barn for 14 cows, and an old ten-foot high hexagon silo made of two-by-fours. It was said to be the first silo in the area. The Royal Canadian Engineers told us that the spot where the original Schinkel house stood was a former road bed for McGrath Road, following along the west side of Hope River.

For several years in the early 1940s Rudolf Schinkel and family rented Baxter Anderson's farm for a second herd of cows. In 1946 they purchased Max Stevenson's farm and it was farmed by Edward for two years, then by the second son, Ervin. In August, 1952, son Jack (Jacob) Schinkel took over the dairy farm and later that year married Lillian Kittlitz from Edmonton, Alta. The couple have two children, Randall and Joanne. Both children attended Rosedale Elementary and Rosedale Junior Secondary Schools. At the present time the Schinkel farm is being farmed by the third generation, Randall, his wife, Martha, and daughter, Melissa. The present Schinkel home is on two acres of the one-time Cecil Doherty farm, formerly owned by William Bell.

The Schinkel family were active in the early years of the Moravian Church on McGrath Road. Ervin and Jack were members of the Junior Farm clubs (now 4-H). In 1944 Ervin teamed with Peter Ewert of Yarrow to represent British Columbia in the National Junior Judging Competitions for Swine Clubs at Royal Winter Fair in Toronto. Fred Bryant was the club leader and team coach.

Edward Schinkel married Myrtle Schroeder and resides in Chilliwack. They have two children, Gary Schinkel of Carlisle, Ont. and Lynn Schiffler of Delta, B.C.

Ida Schinkel married Raymond Tetz and resides in

Kelowna, B.C. They have one son Gordon of Falkand, B.C., and three daughters: Marline Tonn, Kelowna, B.C.; Doreen Hawley, North Vancouver; and Lori Rapoza of Aiea, Hawaii.

Ervin Schinkel married Arline Rodomski and resides at Chilliwack, B.C. They have one daughter Terry Davis of Williams Lake, B.C.

Bernice Schinkel married Reinhold Muench and lives at Trochu, Alta. They have one son Garth of Grand Prairie, Alta. and one daughter Carolyn Bauder of Hoquiam, Washington.

## GEORGE E. SCOTT AND FAMILY

*information from George Scott Jr.*

George Ernest Scott (1887-1968) was born in Somerset, England, and came to Canada in 1905, settling first in Armstrong, B.C. He served overseas in World War I with the 48th Battalion C.E.F. He returned for discharge with the rank of Captain after being severely wounded and suffering some permanent disability.

In 1919 he purchased 6.4 acres at 10717 McGrath Road north and equipped the property as a poultry farm, designated "Cheam View Poultry Ranch". The poultry at one time numbered as many as 5,000, but after a bout of Newcastle Disease the poultry operation was discontinued in favour of small fruits and vegetables. Within a year or two after the institution of the Provincial Rosedale-Agassiz ferry service, Capt. Scott was employed as first purser. He subsequently rose to the position of captain (nautical).

Mrs. Scott, Ola Margaret (1891-1946), was born in Ottawa. She was a personal friend of W.L. MacKenzie King and an active member of IODE. With the couple at the time of their arrival in Rosedale were Jack Scott, George's son, and William D. Tippens, Ola's son, both by previous marriages. Two sons, George Jr. and Theodore (Ted) were born in 1921 and 1922 respectively.

The house purchased with the property in 1919 was of two stories with open verandah on four sides, wooded siding attached with square nails, and a pot-bellied stove in the living room as a heating supplement to the kitchen range. In 1928 improvements were made including an enclosed verandah, shingle siding, interior plumbing, and a fireplace. The house stands today little changed from 1928.

George and Ola were active in the community and took particular interest in the May Day celebrations. They provided an automobile in the parade and many beautiful flowers from their garden. They attended the Church of England. Avid golfers, they were members of the Chilliwack Golf and Country Club on Fairfield Island.

Jack Scott attended Rosedale School in the senior grades, then left about 1923 to join his mother and sisters in Salem, Oregon.

Bill Tippens, born 1915, attended Rosedale School through all grades. During vacations he visited with relatives in southern U.S.A. and brought back to the community a reflection of their style and courtesy. He died tragically in 1940 in an accident while working on

logging truck maintenance at Brett's Logging Camp, Harrison Lake.

George Scott Jr. attended Rosedale School and entered the Canadian Army in 1943, 37th Company C.D.C., remaining in the forces until demobilized in 1947. He was employed at Ingledeew Footwear in Vancouver for five years, then joined the Carling O'Keefe Breweries organization for 35 years until retirement. He married



*Back row, l-r: George and Ted Scott. Front row: Bob Boule and "Buck" Johnston, May 1941.*

Joan Coupe of Vancouver, and they have one son and three daughters: Brenda Van Hees of Victoria, Robert Scott of Toronto, Marcy Morrison of Prince George, and Pamela Till of North Vancouver.

Theodore (Ted) Scott also attended Rosedale School and enlisted in the RCAF in 1941 until discharge in 1945. He was the last member to join the B.C. Provincial Police in 1950, becoming a member of the RCMP later in the same year. In 1953 he joined the West Vancouver police force, continuing until retirement in 1982. He married Dorothy Craig of North Vancouver, and they have three daughters: Diane Pickering, Elaine and Lois, all of North Vancouver.



*Ted Scott and Tom Whitney catching train at Agassiz for the East, 1941.*



*Ted Scott and Harry McGrath at North Bay, Ontario, 1942.*

## THE JAKOB SEMLER FAMILY

*by Adolph Semler*

Jakob Semler, whose birth certificate lists, Vladimer Wolinski, Guberna, Russia as his birthplace, was born in 1895. His wife Pauline Semler's birth place was Langenburg, Saskatchewan, which in the year of her birth (1901) was still Northwest Territories.

Jakob and Pauline Semler were married in Langenburg, Sask. in 1920. They were wheat farming around Jansen, Sask. for sixteen years. The first three years were hard years, due to frost, rust, and hailstorms. However luck changed and for the remainder of their stay in Saskatchewan they had fairly good crops.

Nothing, but nothing made the winters any warmer, and the Semler family decided to move to a warmer climate. Rosedale and Chilliwack appealed to the Semlers, and that is where they bought a 20 acre dairy farm at 49989 Castleman Road in 1936 from William Marchuck.

Adolph recalls that they milked 10-12 cows by hand and shipped milk, and receiving \$1.25 per cwt, as butter price, until they obtained a quota with Jersey Farms Ltd.

Adolph Semler obtained work on several area farms and appreciated the chance to learn much about dairy farming. Included were the farms of John Keefer, Wm. Fettes, George Bryant and Charlie Robertson. In 1940 Adolph returned home, and the family moved to Kitchen Hall Road, where they bought the Van Winkle farm.

In 1942 Adolph married Miss Emma Tetz of Rosedale, B.C. and the couple took over the family farm from Adolph's parents. The couple have three children, Dorothy, Arthur and Lillian.

In 1955 the family left farming, to pursue a career in Insurance sales, moving to Kamloops, B.C. in 1961. Adolph and Emma lived in Kamloops until 1982.

Emma worked as an apartment manageress for 12 years during this period in the Kamloops area. In 1982 they moved to Whitehorse, Yukon, returning to Abbotsford, B.C. in 1985. Adolph and Emma now live in retirement in Chilliwack.

Wilfred A. Semler, second son of Jakob and Pauline Semler, attended the Rosedale Elementary School and later Chilliwack High School, and a short while at U.B.C.

Wilfred Semler obtained employment with the plywood division of Weldwood of Canada, and has been with the company all his working years. He has risen to the present position of Personnel Manager. Wilfred married Miss Josephine McNeil and the couple have five children, Carol, Kathy, David, John and Dianne.

Jakob and Pauline Semler have been active in the Evangelical Church of Chilliwack. Mrs. Pauline Semler passed away in 1987 and is buried in the IOOF Cemetery, Chilliwack, B.C. Jakob Semler is a patient at the Extended Care Unit, Chilliwack Hospital in his 93rd year.

The Semler family are proud and happy to be an accepted and working part of the free country of Canada, and are grateful for friendships made in those early years in the Upper Valley, now more than half a century ago.

## THE PAUL SENECALE FAMILY

*by Arthur Senecal*

Paul and Marie Senecal came from Pathlow, Saskatchewan, in 1928. They lived at 50110 Castleman Road, Rosedale. Family members who accompanied them were five sons: Leon, Andrew, Paul, Arthur, and Toussaint and two daughters, Pauline and Therese.

The Rosedale farm of 40 acres was purchased from Mr. Morgan, who, in later years, was a carpenter and building contractor in Chilliwack. The Senecals engaged in dairy and mixed farming, milking about 15 cows by hand and shipping the milk daily to the FVMPA plant in Sardis. Jack Hill had the contract for hauling milk from the Rosedale district. All the farm work was done with a team of horses.

The younger members of the family attended the Rosedale Elementary School and Chilliwack High School. The teachers we remember are Miss Boucher, Mr. Kirkby, Clarence Carroll, Archie Annis and W. Robertson.

The family is now scattered throughout the continent.

Leon married Jeanne Fagnou and they are now retired from farming at St. Brieux, Saskatchewan.

Andrew farmed in Sylvania, Saskatchewan, married Ruby Thompson and is retired at Tisdale, Saskatchewan.

Paul served in the Air Force and after the war went to California. He is married to Libby Swain. They are now retired and living in Steubenville, Ohio.

Arthur married Alice Fagnou and is farming in the Pathlow district of Saskatchewan.

Toussaint served in the armed services, married Dorothy McPherson, and is an orderly at the Deer Lodge Hospital in Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Pauline, second child of the family, married Bill Parent and lives in Mission, B.C.

Therese married Frank Crowley, a dentist in Montreal, Quebec.

When the war started, Dad was afraid he would be left to milk all those cows by himself, so he sold the farm in 1942 and went back to Sylvania, Saskatchewan, where he had bought a 3/4 section of land a few years earlier. Bill Petryk's sister Katy and her husband Pete Janiewick bought the farm at Rosedale.

Dad and mother are now deceased and buried in St. Brieux, Saskatchewan.

## CECIL H. SEYMOUR AND FAMILY

*information from Constance (Seymour) Knight*

Cecil Herbert Seymour (1873-1936) came to the Camp Slough area in 1910, purchasing a farm of 43 acres from Charles Braithwaite at the location which is now 11086 Gill Road.

He was born in England, the youngest of twelve children of an Anglican clergyman in Devonshire. The family name had historic associations including Lady Jane Seymour, third wife of King Henry VIII of England, and Edward Seymour, Duke of Somerset, who was Lord Protector of England during the youth of King Edward VI.

Mr. Seymour came to Saskatchewan with an older

brother at the age of sixteen. He homesteaded near Stettler, Alberta. In 1909 he married Rose Garvey of Murrisk Abbey, Westport, County Mayo, Eire, with whom he became acquainted on a return trip to Britain.

The Camp Slough property was operated as a dairy farm, and Mr. Seymour had the distinction of owning share certificate number one of the FVMPA, and the corresponding shipping number. Although less than a mile from the Fraser River, the farm included three acres which were not assessed for diking tax, being above the recognized 1894 flood level.

The farm was sold within a year or two after Mr. Seymour's death in 1936. Rose died in 1960 at the age of 79 while visiting England. Daughter Constance Grace



*Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Seymour.*

(Connie), born in 1919, attended Rosedale Elementary School, Chilliwack High School and Central Business College in Chilliwack. She was employed with the Bank of Commerce in Princeton in 1941, the Bank of Montreal in Chilliwack in 1943, and in Penticton in 1948. There she married Richard W. Knight in 1952. He was employed in men's wear retailing, then became owner in partnership of the business until it was sold in 1980.

Since then he has been employed with the Federal Department of Public Works and is soon to retire.

Constance returned to work in 1971, principally as a receptionist-bookkeeper, until 1981.

The Knights have one son and one daughter. Christopher, after training at Okanagan College, Penticton, was assistant manager in the Southgate branch of Toronto Dominion Bank in Chilliwack. Rosetta Anne, a BCIT graduate, is a Nuclear Medicine technologist with Metropolitan Labs in Vancouver. She recently married Gregory Moore of Vancouver.

Connie has recollections of the hungry '30's when 'You could have a hired man for room, board, and the cost of



*Mrs. Seymour with daughter, Connie.*

his tobacco. When advertising for help there could be fifty or more applicants, and the price paid for milk at one period in the '30's did not cover the cost of shipping'.

## **CYRIL SHARPE AND FAMILY**

*by Garry H. Sharpe*

Annette Lillian Ryder married Cyril Francis Hodson Sharpe, April 14th, 1931, in Vancouver, B.C.

At this point in time, mother was employed by the Sun Life Mortgage Division in Vancouver, B.C. Upon her marriage she left her employer, after twenty years service.

Cyril Sharpe operated a Real Estate and General Insurance business in Vancouver until the great depression brought it to a crash in 1934.

On December 24th, 1933 I entered the family scene and some months later in 1934 mother and I moved to the Rosedale area farm on Nixon Hill Road. Dad joined us there in 1935.

Mother and dad continued to farm at this location for the following twenty years. In 1955 they moved to the City of Chilliwack and dad re-entered the Real Estate business, working for some time for the late Herb. Tolchard. Shortly after, dad opened his own Real Estate and General Insurance office under the name, Cyril Sharpe Agencies, located in the Macken - Storey Block on Yale Road East. Dad sold out and retired in 1965. During this period, mother kept the home and cared for the late H.J. Barber, a relative by marriage.

In 1963 mother suffered a stroke which left her with some paralysis on the right side. However, she returned home and continued on until 1965 when she fell and broke her hip. This made it impossible for mother to care for the home any longer and she went into the Intermediate Care Home in Chilliwack, spending time there

with her widowed sister, Nell (Helen) Patriquin.

I attended Elementary School at Rosedale from 1939-1945 and then Chilliwack Junior and Senior High School. I left high school before graduation and ventured into the world of hard work in 1950. On January 21st, 1960, I married Lorna Germaine Sittler, a Saskatchewan girl who was nursing at the Chilliwack General Hospital. We spent the early part of our marriage at Terrace, B.C. where three of our sons were born.



*Garry Sharpe.*

Kevin Hodson Sharpe - 1961  
Dwayne Charles Sharpe - 1962  
Gregory Mark Sharpe - 1963

In 1965 we moved to Chilliwack where I worked for Fraser Valley Frozen Foods for the next five years. During this time our fourth son was born.

Byron Victor Sharpe - 1966

During this period I completed my schooling and attended B.C.I.T., taking courses in Industrial Engineering, Technology and Human Relations. In 1970 our family moved to Penticton where we make our home today.

From 1966 until 1974 mother made her home with us

and enriched all our lives with her wisdom and great sense of humor. Mother's health failed and she spent the final year of her life in a home for the aged in Penticton. She passed away in 1975 and her ashes are interred in the Cory Ryder Plot, IOOF Cemetery, Chilliwack, B.C.

Dad Sharpe lived for a short time after retirement in Chilliwack then moved on to Langley and eventually Abbotsford, B.C. His health continued good until 1982 when he entered the Extended Care Unit of the M.S.A. Hospital where he passed away December 25th, 1983 in his ninety-fourth year of life. Father's ashes were distributed over the old farm site on Ford Road (Nixon Hill) where he spent twenty years farming under difficult circumstances.

## **JACK SHELDON FAMILY**

*by Nonie Sheldon - Lewis - Elliott  
January 1987*

John (Jack) Lazenby Sheldon Jr. met Gwendolyn Eleanor Cartwright, youngest of a family of eleven, in Walsall, Staff., England. Gwen was born in England in 1892.

In 1924 Jack came to Canada and bought a farm at Prince Albert, Sask. Gwen arrived in 1925. Jack met her in Montreal where they were married and then honeymooned at Niagara Falls before settling on the farm. They lived at Prince Albert for two years.

Jack and Gwen sold the farm and moved to Rosedale in 1927. Here they bought 25 acres at 50942 Chilliwack Central Road and became neighbors to the Curries, Akeroyds and Hockins. Life on the farm was not easy and the land was prone to dry out in the hot summer



*Jack and Gwen Sheldon ready to go to town.*

season. Neighbors were very helpful and the depression years passed.

John Lazenby Sheldon Sr., Jack's father, a saddler in Glasgow, Scotland, came to Saskatchewan in the early 1900's, returned to England in 1916, then returned to Canada in 1927 where he spent his remaining years with Jack and his family in Rosedale. John Sr. was born in Walsall, Staff., England in 1856, married in Leeds, England in 1882. Jack Jr. was born in Glasgow on March 2, 1883. His mother passed away May 31, 1884 and John Sr. remarried later and had a daughter, Dorothy (Cheetham) and a son Norman. John Sr. passed away at Rosedale in 1936, in his 81st year. Rev. Turpin officiated at the funeral, August 8, 1936.

John (Jack Jr.) was a member of the Fraser Valley Milk Producers Ass'n., and shipped milk to the Utility Plant at Sardis. He raised Jersey cows and often received the highest butterfat test in the FVMPA. They also had a small flock of chickens. He was a member of Kinistino Lodge No. 1, G.R.S. in Chilliwack.

Jack and Gwen had one daughter, Winona Joyce, born May 12, 1928, in Chilliwack.

Jack had a horse called Billie who lived 35 years. There was never another horse like Billie to pull. Daughter Nonie learned to ride bareback. Jack could never find a horse to make a good team with Billie, so he bought a team of Clydesdales. As a daughter on the farm, Nonie soon learned to coil hay, stook grain, pick rocks, load the stone boat and milk cows. Those rocks were always there again in the spring.

Jack, Gwen and Nonie were staunch members of St. Peter's Church, Rosedale, where Nonie attended Sunday school and started teaching in 1948. She later became superintendant and leader of G.W.A. of St. Peter's. Gwen was a member of the Church W.A. and the East Chilliwack Women's Institute, where she was secretary for several years.

In 1947 Nonie bought a horse (Nipper) and joined the East Chilliwack Riding Club. Bob Lewis joined soon after. It was said that the horses fell in love first. Bob and Nonie became engaged that year and were married in 1948 at St. Peter's Church. They had a home on Castleman Road. There are five children, the youngest born May 17, 1961, the day they moved off the farm.

In the winter of 1955 Jack died of cancer in his 72nd year. Rev. Herbert Oldfield officiated at the funeral Feb. 10th. Jack is at rest in the Anglican cemetery, Chilliwack.

*Pat Cheetham and Nonie Sheldon in the lane in front of her house.*



In 1958 Bob and Nonie lost their barn on the Lewis farm in a fire. Bob became a toll collector on the Agassiz-Rosedale bridge. In 1961 they moved to Haney when he was on the Second Narrows bridge. When the tolls were removed, he transferred to the Haney Correctional Institute.

In 1962 the Sheldon farm was sold and Gwen moved to a home at 46492 Second avenue in Chilliwack, where she lived until 1981 when she went into a Senior Citizens' nursing home; later to Bradley Centre at the Chilliwack Hospital.

Eleanor Gwendolyn Sheldon died on Dec. 22, 1986, in her 95th year. Funeral service was held at St. Peter's Church in Rosedale Dec. 27, 1986, with Rev. Donald Flumerfelt officiating. She rests beside her husband, John (Jack) Sheldon Jr. in the Anglican cemetery, Chilliwack, B.C.

Nonie's husband, Bob Lewis, died on Oct. 6th, 1969, at the age of 46. In 1971 Nonie moved to Valemount, B.C. with her two youngest children. She married John Elliott.

Winona Joyce (Sheldon) Lewis Elliott still lives in Valemount, as caretaker of Golden Years Lodge Senior Citizens' Home. It is a full and rewarding life which she enjoys very much.



*Mr. and Mrs. Sheldon with their first granddaughter, Joy, and Nonie.*

## THE JOHN F. SIMOENS FAMILY

*by Raymond Simoens*

John Frank Simoens and his wife Ida Josephina (DeKoo) Simoens came to Rosedale, B.C. in 1924 from Saskatchewan. Both John and Ida were natives of Belgium where they had married in 1908. Their first child Leon Omer was born in Belgium in 1910.

When the baby was only one month old, the parents said good-bye to the baby and emigrated to Canada. It was due to the serious possibility of seasickness that the child was left with an aunt.

It was twelve years later that the boy came to meet his parents.

A second son, Raymond Henrie Simoens was born in 1913 at Bruxelles, Manitoba, a daughter Margarita Madeline was born in 1915. The family moved to Terrace

in 1923 and to Rosedale in 1924.

Mrs. Simoens with Leon and Margarita came to live on a small farm on Brooks Avenue where they milked a few cows and took the milk to the Chilliwack Creamery on Young Road by wheelbarrow. In the fall Mrs. Simoens purchased 72 acres on Yale Road East at 52505 Yale Rd. from A. Willis, the C.N.R. Agent in Chilliwack.

John Simoens with son Ray, now 11 years old, arrived at Rosedale C.N.R. Station from Terrace, B.C. on a cold day, either Nov. 1st or 2nd, 1924, and were greeted by George Karr and sons, Tom and Gordon. Raymond recalls being taken to the Karr home where he got



*Mr. and Mrs. John Simoens in the buggy with daughter, Marjorie. Sons, Raymond on the horse and Leon standing..*

warmed up for the first time after the long cold trip in a boxcar on the freight train. There was no barn on the farm and they were helped in building one by Harry Mercer, Jack Fraser and Bill Bond. Milk was picked up by horse and democrat and taken to Rosedale and transferred in Rosedale to team and wagon for the trip to the Sardis Utility Plant. Haulers were George and Walter Stade, later Gallagher and then Weldon Miller picked up the milk when trucks were used.

Independent shippers in the Popkum area shipped milk by C.N.R. to Vancouver, one neighbour would haul the milk to the Popkum railway station one week and then another neighbour the next week. At the time the farm was being cleared and levelled, the sale of firewood was an extra source of income. As rocks were plentiful they were gathered and broken by sledgehammer and these were taken by team and wagon by Jack and Matt Vallance and Walter McGrath for shoring up the Fraser River dykes.

In June of 1930, John Simoens died as the result of an accident in the bush, while working at 5 a.m. snaking out telephone poles. One end of a cable was anchored to a tree and a pulley to the pole. With the team pulling to get the pole straightened out, the anchor tree broke and John could not get out of the way in time. All his ribs were

broken and lungs were punctured. He was carried out of the bush on stretcher and taken by Fred Thompson in a Model T Ford to Chilliwack Hospital, where he passed away at 11 a.m.

After her husband's death, Mrs. Simoens carried on the farm with the help of her son Raymond, augmenting the meagre income during the depression years by selling cordwood and working where he could.

Raymond married Rose Gardecke of New Westminster. In 1943 they moved onto 10 acres at 51843 Yale Rd. East, where they milked cows in the field or garage until a barn was built. This couple have three sons, Harry Albert, born 1944, Victor Rae, born 1945, and Edward Frederick, born in 1947.

For a five year period from 1948 to 1953, Ray Simoens worked as a rock blaster on the Norman Chapman property, where Flinstone Park is now located. This was either trucked to Vancouver or loaded on flat cars at C.N.R. Station in Rosedale. It was sold to Richmond and Company, who used it for granite on asphalt roofing



*Rose and Raymond with sons: Victor, Harry and Edward, taken in front of their first old house.*

products. Ray also blasted granite for a time for Valley Aggregates at Jones Hill. This product was used for poultry feed supplements.

Now retired, Raymond is grateful for having been born in Canada and is thankful for a good life in the Rosedale - Popkum area. When he first came to the Fraser Valley he felt that he was in one of the deep prairie wells, as the mountains loomed so high above them. Now he loves the lovely area that has been his home for over 60 years.

Mrs. Ida Simoens married Edmond Timmerman in 1945 and continued to live in the Rosedale area until her death in 1971.

Margarita, best known as Marg, was a member of the grade 8 class at Rosedale Elementary School in 1930. She later married Charlie Thompson of Popkum and the couple had a daughter Phyllis and son Douglas. Phyllis

(Jensen) lives in Aldergrove and has two children. Charlie Thompson is now deceased and Mrs. Margarita Thompson lives in Aldergrove.

Leon Omer Simoens died in 1987 and is buried in Maple Ridge, B.C.

## THE CECIL SIMPSONS

*by Betty (Simpson) McIvor*

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Simpson lived on the Robert Pool farm on the south end of Pool Road from 1931-1936. Three of the family, sons Jack and Norman and daughter Betty attended Rosedale Elementary School.

Mrs. Hilda Simpson was a member of the United Church choir and was active in the Parent-Teacher Association and the Camp River Women's Institute.

Betty Simpson married Ross McIvor and lives in Oliver, B.C. The McIvors have a son and daughter and 3 grandchildren.

Jack Simpson and his wife Ethel live in Coquitlam and have five children. Norman Simpson and his wife, Bernie have four children and live in Surrey, B.C.

Ruth Simpson, who was born in Rosedale married Fred Eggen and this couple have four children and live in Coquitlam, B.C.

Jean Simpson, who was born after the family left Rosedale, married John Goldney and also lives in Surrey.

In 1936 the farm was sold to Mr. and Mrs. R.A. Ober and the Simpson family moved to New Westminster, B.C.



*Jack Simpson at the May Day. Note Mr. Robertson in the background.*

*Below: Betty (Simpson) McIvor.*



*Norman Simpson and friends at the Rosedale School May Day.*

## THE GEORGE SLIVEN FAMILY

*Pearl (Sliven) Fasanello*

George and Mary Sliven came to Rosedale from Winnipeg in 1919. George Sliven was the Section Foreman for the CNR. The family lived in the house provided by the Railway and located just across the road from the Station. I can recall the passenger trains stopping in front of the section house on Sunday nights for our guests to board.



*Annie and Pearl Sliven at the Section house, 1930.*

Mr. Sliven had previously served on the Railway for a number of years working his way west, and rose to the position of Foreman, which he held until his death in 1950.

They had a family of three: daughters, Annie, who attended Rosedale Elementary and Chilliwack High School. She worked as a secretary for some years. Annie married Heimer Johnson in Rosedale United Church. They resided in Powell River, where he founded Burg & Johnson Building Supplies. They had no children. Upon



*In this group are: Ronald, Heal, Muriel Hughes, Vivian McNair, Mitsi Adachi, Wendall Buckingham and Pearl Sliven.*

retirement they lived in Vancouver and California. Heimer passed away in 1980 and Annie in 1980.

Daughter Pearl was born in Chilliwack and attended Rosedale Elementary School where she was May Queen in 1939, and graduated from Chilliwack High School. She was a member of the Rosedale United Church C.G.I.T. Group and Young People's Society when the leaders were Mr. and Mrs. Patriquin. She was also organist for the Sunday school. Pearl married Ed Fasanello and presently resides in South Burnaby. They have two daughters, Sandra Durkin and Vicci Burnett, and four grandchildren.

The only son, George Sliven was born in Chilliwack. He attended school in Rosedale and took part in sports at the Community Hall. He worked in construction, is unmarried and lives in Vancouver.

Mrs. Mary Sliven, like husband George, was of Ukrainian ancestry, and like most of her countrymen was a great lover of the outdoors, gardening and farming. In 1935 they bought a small farm at 50910 Yale Rd. at the intersection of Nevin Road. Here they milked about fifteen cows and shipped the milk and cream to the FVMPA at Sardis. They had acres of raspberries which they shipped to the East Chilliwack Co-op. Each year they raised a few pigs, chickens and ducks. Their garden was always very well kept - the flowers were especially beautiful. In 1941 they sold the farm and moved back to the CNR sectionhouse where Mr. Sliven died just before retirement in 1950, after thirty-five years of service.

Mrs. Mary Sliven lived in Vancouver until her death in 1980 at the age of 86.

## NICHOLAS AND BERT SMALE

*by F. Bryant*

Nick and Bert Smale came to Canada from England and settled in Rosedale prior to the first World War.

Bert is listed as a member of the Rosedale Volunteer Fire Department in 1913.

Bert enlisted in the Canadian Army and served overseas. His name is on the Honour Roll of Rosedale Presbyterian Church. He suffered disabilities from war service and upon return to Canada, moved to the U.S.A.

Nick Smale, a blacksmith by trade, worked for some years at the Lobb's Blacksmith Shop. He also worked with Jack Martin in the building of the McGrath Garage in the late 1920's, and later with the Aitken Brothers Construction firm.

He owned a small farm at 10179 Chapman Road, where he milked a small herd and was a member of the FVMPA.

In 1946 Nick sold the farm to Mrs. Archie Thompson, keeping a small parcel for his home at 10083 Chapman Road. Nick, a bachelor all his life, was very fond of all animals and kept a number of cats and dogs.

Nick passed away in 1952.

## THE ANDREW SMITH FAMILY

*by Dorothy (Snider) Finney*

In 1874 Andrew Smith came from Ontario and took up a homestead in East Chilliwack. He was a member of the first council of the municipality which was founded in 1873. He built a log house and in 1885 sent for his wife and young son William who came to B.C. by the overseas route around Cape Horn. In the years following, the



*Lillian Smith, Alice McNamara, and Clara Smith.*

family was increased by eight daughters and two sons, Andrew and Daniel, both of whom died in infancy. The two daughters who later resided in Rosedale were Clara and Lillian, born in 1895 and 1897.

In 1897, shortly after Lillian's birth, Mr. Smith died of a ruptured appendix, while engaged in hauling lumber for a new barn. Mrs. Smith carried on with the farm with the help of her daughters and neighbours until 1919 when the farm was sold and Mrs. Smith, with Clara and Lillian, purchased the home in Rosedale previously owned by Dr. Elliott at 9990 McGrath Road. Mrs. Andrew Smith was one of the first area residents to convert to the Reorganized Church of Latter Day Saints. In 1919 Clara entered nursing training at St. Paul's Hospital in Vancouver. After graduation she returned to nurse at Chilliwack Hospital for 23 years. Lillian remained at home, caring for her mother until Mrs. Smith passed away in 1938 at the age of 85. In 1975, Clara and Lillian sold their Rosedale home and moved to a home on Charles Street in Chilliwack. Clara died in 1987 at age 92, leaving Lillian, the only survivor.



*William and Margaret Smith.*

The oldest son, William, chose not to farm after his father's death, and took up a butchering business. In 1906 he married Margaret Hamilton, the youngest daughter of Isaac and Ellen Hamilton of Rosedale. Not long after, they moved to Arizona and little is known of their later history.

## **CECIL SMITH**

*told to F. Bryant by Cecil Smith*

Cecil Smith heard of the beautiful and fertile Rosedale area while working on a steam threshing machine in the Maidstone area of Saskatchewan, alongside of Mr. Albert Martin of Rosedale in 1926.

Driving a 1918 Ford car, Cecil Smith accompanied by Henry Klick, started out for Rosedale after harvesting

was completed in 1936.

Upon arrival in Rosedale, Cecil boarded with Clifford Charters at the corner of McGrath and Nevin Roads. Clifford Charters was a brother-in-law of W.D. Hughes.

Cecil was born in 1907, resided for six years in South Africa, and spent ten childhood years in England before coming to Canada. He spent the year 1937 cutting cordwood with Adolph Gustafson for George Bryant and lived in a little house at the southeast corner of Chilliwack Central and Ford Roads, on the Rogers place owned by George Bryant. Pay for cutting a cord of wood ranged from \$1.75 to \$2.50. Each cord comprised a stack four feet wide, four feet high and eight feet long. Even with good trees it was hard work to make a cord a day, using crosscut saws, axes, wedges and sledge hammers. Cecil recalls going across to the people living in the Ford log house and getting a dozen eggs and a pound of homemade butter for twenty-five cents. Cecil worked as a farmhand for Al Evans of Sardis for 2 years. He also worked in the sawmill industry as a stationary engineer in northern B.C. for several years. In 1943 he married Alice Martin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Martin. Alice, who had been a patient for sometime in the Tranquille Solarium suffering from T.B., was released from hospital to have a quiet wedding at her parents' home at 9717 McGrath Road, only to return to Tranquille for another three months treatment.

Since 1950, Cecil and Alice have lived in Kelowna where Cecil worked in the sawmill until retirement. They lived a quiet life in Kelowna until Alice's passing in 1986.

## **THE DICK SMITH AND THE JAMES NELSON FAMILIES**

*by Lillian (Nelson) Mohr*

In 1875 Sarah Thompson and her parents, brothers and sisters arrived in the Chilliwack area; they settled on Yale Road East across from the I.O.O.F. cemetery where her parents had a store. They came from Ontario by train across the United States to California and then by boat to Vancouver Island and then to Westminster and up the Fraser River to Chilliwack by river steamboat. In 1890 Sarah married Dick Smith and moved to a farm in Rosedale on Yale Road East. They had 160 acres bordering on Yale, Chapman and Poole Roads. They lived there during the flood in 1894. The cattle were moved back in the bush to higher ground. Mrs. Smith told of standing on a raft to hang out her washing in the backyard. Four

*The house that withstood the flood of 1894.*



children were born to this union: George, Ruby, Mary and Marjorie.

Dick Smith died in 1900 and in 1902 Sarah Smith married James Nelson. He bought half of the property from her. They had two sons, Stuart and Tom, and a daughter, Lillian. James Nelson had come to Canada in 1883 from Scotland and to Sardis in 1887. The old-timers had a lot of arguments over line fences and crops of thistles, and as a result some of them did not speak for years. To raise money for the church and the Ladies' Aid they had box socials. The girls made up a lunch for two and put it in a decorated box which was auctioned to the highest bidder. The prettiest box didn't mean you got the best lunch or the prettiest girl to eat it with. Some of the girls told their boyfriends which one was theirs. If the other boys or men caught on and kept on bidding, the boyfriend had to pay more, thus raising more money for the event. Sarah died in 1948 and James in 1949.



*Sarah and James Nelson with Grandson Robert.*

## THE NELSON FAMILY

*by Lillian (Nelson) Mohr*

Tom Nelson married Margaret Knowles from Rosedale. They lived on the farm for four years and then Tom worked for Brett's logging. He was a bulldozer operator; they moved to Powell River with the logging company and were there for five years. They moved back to Rosedale. The Nelson farm was divided into three farms, George, Stuart and Tom each having 27 acres. Tom and Margaret built a house on Chapman Road. The rough lumber and timbers came off the farm. Tom

operated a bulldozer in the area and Agassiz for 20 years, ploughing snow and digging basements, clearing land for farmers. Tom and Margaret have two sons. Ted lives in Rosedale and works for the highways department. Jim lives in Kitimat and is logging. They sold the property on Chapman Road and built on Nevin Road. Tom passed away in 1981. Margaret still lives at 51795 Nevin Road. Tom played baseball for the Rosedale Athletic Club. Margaret played basketball on the girls' team.

Stuart worked in Pete Close's General Store for five years. He married Helen Newport from Sardis in 1937. He worked in Archibald's store and delivered groceries for six years. When Tom left the farm, Stuart and Helen moved back to the farm, into the house, Stuart was born in, and farmed there until it was sold in 1968. They retired to live at 50646 Yale Road East. They have two children, Bob who lives in Crofton, Vancouver Island, and Linda Cromarty of Rosedale. Stuart played baseball and basketball as well as coaching the girls' team. He was President of the Rosedale Athletic Club for two years, and served on the Board for twenty years.

Lillian Nelson was born and raised in Rosedale where she taught piano for several years. She married Charles Mohr in 1925, and lives in Parkland, Washington.

## THE GEORGE SMITH FAMILY

*by Lillian (Nelson) Mohr*

George Smith married Ivy Newton in 1921. Ivy lived on Castleman Road. George worked for Graham & McNair Logging and at one time lived on Nixon Hill. Ivy cooked for some of the truck drivers hauling logs. They moved to Sardis and George worked for Vedder Logging. He was an engineer at the Fraser Valley milk plant for 35 years; he retired in 1965. They had five daughters. George died in 1979; Ivy still lives in Sardis.

Ruby Smith, born in Rosedale in 1892, married Frank Merson.

Mary Smith was born in Rosedale in 1894. She was a schoolteacher. She taught at the Vedder school when it was on the south side of the bridge. After she married Hal Wares she taught in Alberta. Later they lived in Rosedale until they built a home in Chilliwack. Hal was a carpenter and worked in the area and at the army camp. They had five daughters.

Marjorie Smith married Mike Ratzman and lived in Chilliwack for awhile and moved to Tacona. She later lived in California. They had a son and daughter.

## THE SOMERS FAMILY

*by C. W. Somers*

Charles and Emma Somers left England with their parents in 1894. My father was seven years old at that time. The family lived for a short time in Ontario, then moved to a farm in Camp Slough. On disposing of the farm they took over the Rosedale Hotel during the time of railway construction.

My father married Sarah Munro, one of the staff of five at the hotel, daughter of Jim Munro an early pioneer

family. I was born in 1914. My grandfather died in 1924, and my father and mother returned to assist grandmother, who remarried after a few years. The hotel was sold only later - to be destroyed by fire.

My early recollections of Rosedale and the hotel are vague. The hotel was different from most in having a pool table in the lobby, a large chicken coop and garden in the rear to supplement the hotel's menu. Grandmother was famous for her sumptuous meals, which were served, family style, on long dining room tables. Electricity for cooking and lighting was supplied from a wet battery pack, charged up daily by generator. I remember the large apple press in the livery stable - Gramps was famous for his apple cider. I'll never forget the pleasant odour of homemade ice-cream in Mrs. Kerr's ice-cream parlour, located next to the pool hall. This was run by her son Frank. Next door to this was the barbershop run by 'peg leg' David Nevin. The community boasted an open touring car, used as a jitney, which carried 'locals' over the rough gravel road between Rosedale and Chilliwack.

My father died in 1959 and I am now living in the central interior of B.C. My son Wayne and three grandsons are in P.E.I. My daughter Carolyn lives in Ontario.

## JOHN AND MARIA SPEIDEL AND FAMILY

*by Jacob Speidel*

John and Maria Speidel were both born in Berasina, Romania and emigrated to Canada in 1929 bringing four children with them. They crossed the Atlantic by boat, a trip of eleven days, and by train to Alberta. In Alberta, the family lived first at Hanna, and then on a farm at Vegreville, where daughter Clara was born.

In 1943, Mr. and Mrs. Speidel moved to a 12 acre farm at 10188 Chapman Road. Here they developed a small dairy and raspberry farm. At the time the land was undeveloped and much hard labour was needed cutting trees and digging out stumps, most of the work being done by hand. One stump was so large that the only way to get rid of it was to dig a very deep and large hole and bury the stump, below ground level, where it would not be in the way of cultivation.



*Mr. Charlie Somers, Mrs. Vanderburg with Norma, and Mrs. Emma Somers.*



*Mr. and Mrs. John Speidel.*



*The Hotel staff early 1900's. Mrs. Somers in the centre.*

*The Livery stable run by the Domoney Brothers.*



A small house on the property was torn down and John Speidel dug a full basement approximately 24 x 28 ft. to a depth of seven feet, all by hand, and wheeled the soil out by wheelbarrow. With the help of his son Jack, who had come to Chilliwack in 1940, they built a fine new home, and it is still standing.

While Clara was in Rosedale School, both Mr. and Mrs. Speidel worked in the hop fields and in the corn cannery to supplement their income in those first hard years.

Son, Oscar lives in Richmond and has three daughters. Daughter Clara (Mrs. Kenneth Tongue), lives in Richmond and has three daughters. Son Ralph and daughter Bertha are deceased. Jack and his wife Alma, live in Chilliwack and have a son Reinholdt, and daughters Irma and Deloris.

Jack and Alma Speidel attended worship services in the Orange Hall on McGrath Road, and then were founding members of the Zion Evangelical Church in Chilliwack.

In 1959 they sold the farm and retired to Chilliwack. Mr. John Speidel passed away in 1965 and Maria Speidel in 1980. Both are buried in I.O.O.F. Cemetery. Mr. and Mrs. John Speidel were happy to have had a part in the growth of the Zion Evangelical Church.

## STANDEVEN FAMILY HISTORY

by Joyce (Standeven) Buckingham

William Standeven the 1st and family came to the Chilliwack area on Dec. 6, 1907. They had bought the 120 acre farm of David Greyell at Camp River in 1905 for the sum of \$5000.00, but as it had been rented out until the spring of 1908, they resided with relatives, the Sandy Johnston and Henry Johnston families, until that time. They travelled by C.P.R. to Harrison Mills from Morden, Manitoba, bringing all their worldly goods, including farm machinery, in a boxcar. They crossed the Fraser River on the old Minto Ferry and were met at Minto Landing by Sandy Johnston.

William Standeven 2nd (Bill) was born Aug. 2, 1893. He was 14 years old at the time of their move west. Older brother, Frank, had begun grain farming at Lacadena, Sask. by that time, but sisters Alice and Mary moved to the Chilliwack area with the family. Bill recalls that the staple foods at the Johnston home that winter were: salt pork, bread, potatoes, and plenty of fruit such as apples, pears, prunes etc ..

The old Greyell farmhouse was originally located in an area called the orchard where it was surrounded by 30 acres of fruit and nut trees. It was subsequently moved to its present location (closer to the bridge crossing Camp River) on rollers pulled by horses. Later, it was discovered that the old house was so heavy because the walls were filled with gravel, presumably a means of insulation in those days.

Bill and Mary first attended school at the corner of Chapman and Camp River roads. Miss Bertha Bradley was the teacher. Bill recalls that, as he walked to school each day, he watched the building of the original Camp River Hall. This was in 1908. The foundation was cedar blocks - 4 rows of 6" x 6" cedar timbers with floor joists laid across them. Bill and Mary soon discovered that their schooling in Manitoba, which consisted of the 3 R's, had not prepared them sufficiently to pass the entrance exam into High School. Hugh Laughlin, who was Bill's teacher at Camp River School (by then relocated at the corner of Camp River and Castleman Rds.) offered to give him extra tutoring at recess and noon. (To him, Bill attributes his success in passing the entrance exams). Getting an education in those days was difficult. Bill rode his pony to High School for 3 years - a distance of approx. 6 miles. He graduated in 1912, and stayed to help on the farm. Bill's mother had died in 1910, but his father and sisters were still on the farm.

On June 30, 1921, Bill married Annie (Nan) Richardson of Fairfield Island. Nan's parents were pioneers in the Chilliwack area, and Nan was born here. Bill and Nan had six children: Norman - 1922, Jean - 1923, Joyce - 1925, John - 1926, Richard (Dick) - 1927, and Billy - 1945. Meanwhile Bill's sister, Alice married Jack Dennis



Back row, l-r: Dick, Norman, John, Bill Standeven. Middle row: Jean (Standeven) Wright, Joyce (Standeven) Buckingham. Front row: Nan and Bill Standeven.

and they began farming in Rosedale. Nan was glad of Mary's help while the children were still very young. Mary helped in the barn as well. Bill often said, "She could milk a cow faster than most men". Those were busy years, raising five children, gardening, preserving, all with few conveniences.

In the early 1930's, Bill's father and Mary moved into a house in Chilliwack. Mary kept house for her father for several years and then married Ernie Gill, whose parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gill lived on Gill Road. Bill remembers that the Standeven farm had one of the first milking machines in the area. It was a gasoline - operated machine and it was fortunate that Bill was quite mechanically minded because it created many problems with vacuum fluctuating etc.

William Standeven 3rd (Billy) was born in 1945, almost 18 years after Dick. A year later, Nan and Bill moved to Hazel Street in Chilliwack, and Norman, who married Joyce Williams in 1943, took over the farm. They sold 80 acres of the original farm in 1969, built a house and shop (machinery & welding) on the remaining land in 1970 and are presently residing there. They raised three sons, Bob, Ed, and Bruce and a daughter, June who is married to Cliff Oss. The Oss family lives on the remaining property and are raising calves. They have three sons; Aaron, Darryl and Ryan.

In 1946, daughter Joyce married Wendall Buckingham of Rosedale and they took up residence in Prince George, B.C. on a dairy farm. Their three children: Betty, Nancy and Lloyd, were all born in Prince George, and in 1961, the Buckinghamhs moved back to the Rosedale area. While still in the Prince George area, Joyce and Wendall were joined on the dairy farm by John Standeven in 1947. Two years later he married Hazel Mann of Prince George, and remained there. They have one daughter Arlene, and two sons, Brian and Clifford.

Daughter Jean married Kenneth Wright, a soldier, and

they lived at the Army Base. They have twin girls Jean and Joy and three sons; - Jim, Jack and Jeff. Due to Ken's career, the family moved several times, but after Ken's death in 1967, Jean and the children moved back to the Chilliwack area.

Dick and Bunty (nee Kathleen Merson) were married in 1945. They have two sons and two daughters: - Frank, Richard (Dick), Gloria and Sharon.

Bill 3rd (Billy) currently lives in Victoria, B.C., and is married to Peggie (nee Angus). They have no children.

William Standeven, at the time of this writing, is 93 years of age and resides in Valleyhaven, in Chilliwack. His beloved Nan passed away in April, 1986.

## THE CLIFFORD STURGEON FAMILY

*by Clifford Sturgeon*

Clifford Sturgeon arrived in Rosedale on September 27th, 1934, having left the family homestead in Burns Lake, B.C. He was born in England, the son of David and Annie Elizabeth (Flatman) Sturgeon, in 1910. His parents had answered the call, "Go West, Young Man, Go West." The family travelled across the Atlantic by steamship, in Canada by CPR and on to Prince Rupert by boat. It was a paddle wheeler powered by steam from burning wood and coal, for one hundred miles up the Skeena River to Aldermere, now called Hazelton. The family then travelled over the Telegraph Trail for more than two hundred miles by stage to take up a homestead in South Bulkley, now called Forestdale.

Clifford was only two years old at the time and he



*Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Sturgeon with their children: Margaret, Billy and David.*

remained in Prince Rupert with his mother, sister and brother, while his father built a pine-pole log cabin. For the first few years the family subsisted on wild rabbits, ducks and grouse, fish and local game until a garden and stock could be obtained.

When first in Rosedale, 1934, Clifford took a cabin at the Cherry Grove Auto Court, but soon found work on local farms. He recalls the terrible ice storm of January 23rd, 1935 while he was working for Captain Paethorpe on Pelly Road. He also worked for George Bryant on Nevin Road. It while working on a large farm on Hopedale Road that he met Edith Morris, also an employee of the farm owner at his Vancouver business.

Clifford and Edith were engaged on September 25th, 1941 and married on February 7th, 1942. Clifford worked for two years on local poultry farms and in 1944 bought an acreage on Yale Rd. in the Popkum area, now 52905 Yale Road at the intersection with Number 9 Highway. Clifford worked at Endako Mines Ltd, Fraser Lake and for a number of years with the B.C. Parks Branch at Manning Park.

Clifford and Edith raised a family of three children.

Son David lives at Crossfield, Alberta. He married Beverly Collison and has a family of three children, two daughters and one son--Pauline, Marnie, and Gary.

Daughter Margaret first married Mike Williams and has two children, Darlene and Michael. She later married Richard Henderson and they have Billie May and Richard. Margaret is now Mrs. Jim Coughlin.

Son William married Dorothy Brown. They have two daughters, Rhonda and Vickie. While living in Popkum "Bill" was an active member of the Popkum Volunteer Fire Brigade. He was employed at Cannor Nurseries for many years. "Bill" with his family has recently returned to Burns Lake to live on the original homestead of his Grandfather which was pre-empted just seventy-five years ago.

Clifford retired in 1975. Edith was a member of the Rosedale Women's Institute for many years. Clifford attended the open air meetings on the lawn and at the home of Mrs. Anna Bryant in the village about 1936. Taking part were Reverend Harold Paul and Sisters Elsie and Bessie Cartmell. As a result of these meetings Clifford and Edith joined the Pentecostal Holiness Church. They are active members of the Rosedale Church and of the Senior Citizens Association of B.C.

## THE TATARYN FAMILY

*by Mrs. Shirley (Tataryn) Davis*

Andrew Tataryn, from Swan Plain, Sask. and Pauline (Eileen) Gurniak of Norquay, Sask. were married in March 1937.

Andrew and his brother Fred inherited a farm from their father Nick. However, Andy was not interested in this type of career and sold his portion to his brother in 1938. Andy's interest in B.C. grew and in 1942 he left his wife and daughters (Victoria, Leona, Phyllis, Ida and Shirley) in Swan Plain until he established himself in B.C. Jobs were scarce but Andy succeeded in becoming a section man for the CNR within the small community of

Avola and then sent for his family. They resided there for approximately one year and then were transferred by CNR to Blue River, B.C. They resided there for seven years and the family increased to eight with the addition of Aneeta and Ivy, both born at home, and Lawrence, born in Kamloops (the only son).

In 1950 Andy was transferred by the CNR to Rosedale. He and Eileen purchased a one bedroom home at the corner of McGrath Road and 1st Avenue (now called Muirhead Avenue), but with a family of eight children this was inadequate. Therefore, Andy remedied the situation by quickly becoming a part-time carpenter and making additions to the home.

Soon after, the ninth and final child, Lorette, was born at the Chilliwack Hospital.

The children attended Rosedale Elementary School, then Chilliwack Jr./Sr. High and were active in all sports.



*Andy Tatarzyn holding Aneeta. L-r: Leona, Ida, Shirley, Phyllis, Vickie.*

*Eileen Tatarzyn with Lawrence and Lorette.*



In 1960 the family moved to Lewis Ave. in Chilliwack and in 1971 moved to Killarney Street.

Andy was promoted to Roadmaster of the CNR section from Boston Bar to Hope. He was employed by the CNR 38 years and retired in Sept. 1980.

Eileen began working for Fraser Vale, as the children grew and moved into homes of their own. She retired in 1980 and passed away quite suddenly Feb. 27, 1981.

Presently, Andy has twelve grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. Time is very demanding for Andy now. He spends his time fishing, bowling and is an active member of both the Anavets and Senior Citizens Clubs in Chilliwack.

A few good memories of Rosedale are the "scrub" games held on Tweddle's field, the ski hill Andy built for the children, which ran from our yard across 1st Avenue and into the neighbour's yard and, a comment passed by a local citizen - "Look at all the God Damn Kids".

Vickie (Victoria), the eldest daughter, married in May 1954. Vickie has three children: Dean, Sylvia and Roy. All her children are married. She has seven grandchildren, and is employed with Canada Post Corp. She resides in Creston, B.C.

Leona, the second daughter, married Lorne Bustin, also of Rosedale, in January 1961. They have a son Derek and a daughter Dana (who just recently married Dan Deglan of Langley). Leona and Lorne own a turkey farm in Langley and presently reside in Aldergrove.

Phyllis, the third daughter, married Bob Terris from Mission, B.C. in June 1962. They have two sons, Reece and Paul. Bob and Phyllis are proprietors in their own business ventures and are presently living in Port Coquitlam.

Ida, the fourth daughter, has resided in the United States for the past 20 years. She owns her own home in Everett, Wash. Ida is an avid golfer and enjoys her career at Boeing's plant.

Shirley, the fifth daughter, married Bob Davis of Langley in Sept. 1964. (Bob's grandparents, Charlie and Mary Parker and Harry and Ada Davis are long-time Chilliwack residents). Bob is owner/manager of a business in Langley. Bob and Shirley have two daughters, Kristine and Carrie and have lived in Fort Langley for the past 13 years.

Aneeta, the sixth daughter, graduated from Chilliwack Senior High School and went on to become a Psychiatric Nurse. She married Robin Leclair from Port Kells in November 1967. They have two children, Michelle and Ryan and presently live in Port Coquitlam.

Ivy, the seventh daughter, married Gerry Baker of Vedder Crossing, B.C. in March 1969. Ivy is part-owner of a business in Langley. They have one son, Drew (Andrew - named after his grandfather). Ivy and Gary reside in Langley.

Lawrence, the eighth child and only son, attended Mount Royal College in Alberta and then attended the University of Washington and graduated with a degree in Recreation.

Lorette D. Tatarzyn currently resides in Coquitlam, B.C. Lorette graduated from S.F.U. in 1984 with her B.A. in Psychology and is now employed at the Langley Mental Health Association.

## JAMES TAYLOR AND FAMILY

by Jane (Taylor) Augustine

James and Martha R. (Smith) Taylor moved from Chilliwack to Rosedale in March, 1935. Martha's father, John L. Smith, lived with them until his death in 1945. James Taylor was born in Scotland and had farmed in Alberta before coming to British Columbia. Martha Taylor was born in New Brunswick and lived in Saskatchewan from 1905 until 1920 when she moved to B.C. with her parents.

James and Martha Taylor were farmers and shipped milk to the F.V.M.P.A. The farm was twenty acres which was originally part of the first land parcel owned by the Henderson brothers, and is the most easterly parcel in the Municipality of Chilliwack, bordering on the Cheam Indian Reserve. The house at 51839 Old Yale Road, was built by Donald Matheson in 1910 and was occupied by the Matheson family until 1913.

James and Martha Taylor have two sons Robert and Ken and one daughter Jane Elizabeth. Their first son, Robert, has two daughters, Linda and Debbie. Their other son, Ken, married Leona Capnerhurst and they have a son, Lorne, and a daughter, Cheryl. Daughter, Jane married Arnold G. Augustine. They have three sons, Steven, Mark and Michael and one daughter, Kelly who is married to Scot Kortegaard. Jane and Arnold built their own home at 51865 Old Yale Road, on part of the home farm.

James Taylor was a member of the Masonic Lodge. The family attended the Rosedale United Church and Martha was a member of the United Church Women. She was also a member of the ZWI Group and the Rosedale Women's Institute.

James Taylor passed away in 1967 and is buried in the I.O.O.F. Cemetery. Martha at age 89, is still hale and hearty and is living in Parkholm Lodge in Chilliwack.

## THE ABRAM THIESSEN FAMILY

by Peter Thiessen

Abram Thiessen and his wife Aganetha accompanied by their son Peter left Marquette, Manitoba in the fall of 1944 to come to the Rosedale area. In November of that year they moved onto the pioneer farm of Mr. and Mrs. Richard "Dick" Bustin at 10912 Bustin Rd. The dairy herd of grade cattle were part of the purchase and it was a big challenge for Peter and quite different from dry land farming in Manitoba. This was proven in the years 1948 and 1950 when the farm which had the Fraser River dyke as its north boundary put much of the farm under water from seepage. For the elder Thiessens, then in their senior years, it was a time of semi-retirement. Abram kept busy with farm and garden chores.

Peter became a member of the F.V.M.P.A. and shipped milk to the Sardis Utility Plant. With his parents the family were active members of the East Chilliwack Mennonite Brethern Church in its early years. Following the death of his brother Abram Jr. a year earlier Peter married his widowed sister-in-law Mrs. Angnes (Loewe Thiessen on August 4th, 1953.

Peter and Agnes Thiessen enjoyed the years on the farm, but recall the perplexities of the flood years. A good half acre of high producing land was taken for dyke widening and compensation for its loss was never made while the Thiessens owned the property. Speaking in 1987 he is glad that this matter has finally been settled. Peter and his wife braved the anxiety of the possible dyke break and loss of crops for most of the year, but feel that the cost of dykes should be shared by all the property that benefits from the protection.

Abram Thiessen Sr. passed away in 1947 at seventy years of age and Aganetha in November 1957 at seventy six years of age. Both are buried in the I.O.O.F. Cemetery Chilliwack. Due to failing health Peter sold the farm in 1966 to Herb DeRuiter and retired to live in Chilliwack.

## THE CORNELIUS THIESSEN FAMILY

by C.A. Thiessen

Cornie Thiessen and his wife Theresa accompanied by five children came to the Camp River area from Elie, Manitoba in 1947. They purchased the long time Edmondson family farm at what is now 50131 Camp River Road.

The family members were Elfrieda, Edward, Lydia, Abraham, and MaryAnn.

The family were dairy farmers shipping milk from 18-20 cows to F.V.M.P.A. Co-operative. The children attended Camp River Elementary School and Rosedale Junior High and Chilliwack Senior High School. The family were active in the East Chilliwack Mennonite Brethern Church. Mrs. Theresa Thiessen died January 26, 1954, and later Cornie married Margaret Pauls, June 14, 1955. Two sons were born to Cornie and Margaret; Richard and Gordon.



Back row, l-r: Mr. Cornie Thiessen, Richard, Diane. Front row: Vicki, Gordon, Mrs. Margaret Thiessen, Dana, Deanna (son Richard's girls). Lydia and her son, Kevin.



*Mr. C.A. Thiessen and his helpers on the farm.*

## **PETER STANLEY THIESSEN** **1906 - 1970**

*by John M. Thiessen*

My father, Peter S. Thiessen, was born in Herbert, a small prairie town in the southern part of Saskatchewan. He grew up in that area, finished his public school education, and spent his teenage years at home on the homestead. In 1927 he married Katheryn Toews and farmed south of Herbert in partnership with his father and brother-in-law Jacob N. Toews.

The first fourteen years of their married life were difficult because of the drought in southern Saskatchewan. Had it not been for the fact that grandfather had the farm equipment and the income to put gas into the tractor and buy fodder for the horses, they would not have survived. They did have cattle, chickens and pigs, so they made butter with the cream, took eggs and traded them for groceries when they went to town. A wagon load of wheat was taken to the local miller each fall. This wheat was ground and supplied enough flour for the year.

During the long winter months, mother was kept busy cooking, baking and sewing for the family. Four children had been born: Harry in 1928, John in 1931, Viola in 1935 and Ruth in 1940. In the mid 30's dad decided to move to Herbert to attend the Herbert Bible School, to help him in his lay ministry. After completing three years of bible school and considering that economic conditions were not improving, a decision was reached that they should move.

In 1941, my parents decided to have a dispersal sale and move west. Dad purchased a 1940 half-ton Chev pick-up, built a canopy for it, packed up the necessities of life, leaving enough room for my brother and I to sit and watch the world go by as we headed west. It was a memorable trip, new scenery, unfamiliar area, apprehensively we moved on. After having traveled several days, I remember mother saying, "This is the first place I would like to stay", when we stopped in front of the Edwards garage, now the location of the Chilliwack Post Office. However, since my uncle Pete, (Peter H. Penner) lived in

Vancouver, we moved on.

Dad rented a 3-room upstairs suite for \$15.00 a month and we started up our new home in Vancouver. This was not what dad really wanted, but to keep bread on the table, he found work doing odd jobs, keeping in mind this was only temporary. After three years, having purchased a home at 6116 Chester Street, in Vancouver, he decided to sell the home and move to a small farm to keep the growing children occupied. Weekends were spent looking for suitable property. Langley seemed to be the chosen area until mother said, "Let's try Chilliwack area before we sign any papers." Off they went to Chilliwack to be attracted to a 5.5 acre piece of property that Howard Muirhead owned on McGrath Road north opposite where Castleman and McGrath Roads meet. An offer was made and accepted. In the fall of 1944, our possessions were moved to our new home at 752 McGrath Road in Rosedale, now 10320.

A home on 5.5. acres of land would not provide a livelihood, so a double garage, a hip-roofed barn for 5 head of cattle and a double-decker chicken barn were quickly erected. A half acre of strawberries and one acre of raspberries were planted to keep us teenagers out of mischief and to provide some income. Several cows were purchased as well as chickens to fill the barn so that there was some cash flow.

In the spring of 1945 the neighbourhood farmers had realized that the Thiessen family might be interested in helping them with their farm work. Max VanBaaren stopped by to see if we might be interested in hoeing his corn. Not long after Ernie Willbourn, Mike Jones and Arnold and Bill Bustin asked for help as well. During the summer we were summoned to pick corn and later to help in silo filling. Hay needed to be coiled and hauled as well. Since most of this type of work was done on a farmer - help - farmer basis and we did not have a silo to fill or hay to haul, we were paid for our work. We enjoyed working with neighbours and becoming part of the community.

Several other Mennonite families had moved into the area, and since there was no Mennonite Brethren Church



*The Peter Thiessen house and barn in January 1954.*

in the immediate area, the Orange Hall owned by the Anglican denomination on McGrath Road was rented and Sunday School was started. As the congregation grew, this facility became too small so a new church was built on Chilliwack Central Road just west of Upper Prairie Road. This church was built by volunteer labour of the attending members.

In 1948 the berry crop looked very promising but the weather was very muggy and before long we were all working on the dykes, trying to stop the Fraser river from flooding the land. My brother and I spent many hours filling sand bags to build up the dykes, while Dad was 'holding the fort' waiting for the birth of my younger sister Marjorie.

In addition to being a farmer, Dad was also a carpenter and so, when the contract was let for the new rooms to enlarge the Rosedale Elementary School, Dad was hired to help in the construction. With the rest of the family members hoeing corn, picking strawberries, raspberries, beans corn, hops and helping Mr. Skelton harvest the filberts we managed to have a comfortable living, to pay our bills, taxes and payments for the farm.

In 1949 the postal authorities called for tenders to deliver the rural mail in Rosedale. Dad applied but was unsuccessful in his bid; however, the Chilliwack post office divided two routes into three and suggested he submit a bid. His bid was accepted, and until his passing in 1970 he delivered mail on RR No. 1.

In 1966 a decision was reached that the work load should be lightened and the farm was sold. Mom and Dad moved to Chilliwack. Mother is presently in the Abbotsford Hospital. Harry married Evelyn Andres, a former Rosedale resident, completed his engineering degree at the University of B.C., worked for the CPR in Vancouver for three years, then transferred to Winnipeg where he joined Dominion Bridge. He took early retirement in 1984 and is living in Winnipeg. In 1954 I married Katie Isaac, also a Rosedale resident. We moved to 752 McGrath Road, next to my parents' farm, and in 1956 moved to Chilliwack where we still reside. Viola Rempel-Edwards and Ruth Hall are both living in Chilliwack and teach in the Chilliwack School District. Marjorie is living in Port Moody, B.C.

Rosedale to the Thiessen family has been a great place, we have spent much of our lives in this community and have much to be thankful for.

## **ARCHIBALD (ARCHIE) THOMPSON**

*by Mabel (Thompson) Lassen*

Dad came from Ontario in the late 1800's and took up a homestead near Popcum. On his trek from Ontario he travelled through Oliver, Greenwood and Phoenix, B.C. on horseback. He married my mother, a widow with two children, Evelyn and George Cole in 1915. I was born in January 1918 and Ben was born on the 14th of December 1919. Dad had the homestead in 1898 when the Fraser River flooded its banks and exactly 50 years later the Fraser flooded again. He lived on the farm in Rosedale at 50977 Yale Road until 1945 and then bought the old Bell place at 50585 Yale Road East. Selling that, he bought a

little house in Rosedale at 9859 McGrath Road in 1946. In his later years he went to see the old homestead and was shocked to discover a tree had fallen on the shack and destroyed it. Dad died in 1948.

Mom bought a house in Chilliwack where she and Ben lived. My mother died in 1967 after a short illness.

George married Anne Gross and they had one daughter. Their daughter, Evelyn resides in New Westminster. Both Anne and George have since died.

Evelyn became a teacher. She married Alonzo Grigg in 1940 but died at the age of 36 in 1947. Alonzo lives in Rimby, Alberta.

Ben remained a bachelor and died in 1969.

Our childhood was an enjoyable one. The highlight of the year was when the steam engine and threshing machine owned by Maurice Tuytens came. One of his helpers that I can remember was Charlie Sache. Mom made huge meals and pies for the workers. We kids loved to watch the straw come out of the blower and the grain running into the granary.

I was married in June of 1938 to Jay Lassen. We moved to the Peace River District in August of that year. We moved to New Hazelton, B.C. in 1955 where our two daughters and their families live.

*Jay died in 1977. Mabel Thompson Lassen died in 1986. Both are buried in Hazelton. Ed.*

## **JOSEPH THOMPSON AND FAMILY**

*by Florence (McCormick) Knorborg*

Joe Thompson came to Rosedale in the early 1900's. He worked for McNair and Graham sawmill as an engineer. In 1919 he married Mable McCormick of Rosedale, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles McCormick. From his father-in-law, Joe bought a dwelling property of 2.05 acres, now identified as 51536 Old Yale Road, immediately east of the Athletic Field. Their son Lewis was born in 1920, and daughter Maude in 1921. Both attended Rosedale School until, on closure of the McNair-Graham mill in 1928, the family moved to Port Moody, then later to Canford and Merritt, following available employment in the sawmilling industry.

The Rosedale property owned by Joe Thompson until 1945, was occupied by a succession of tenants.

Lewis Thompson, married with one son, lives at Nanose Bay, B.C.

Maude, who married William McDonald, is now widowed and lives at Port Moody. She has two daughters.

## THE ROBERT THOMPSON FAMILY

by Dorothy (Thompson) Lockhart

Robert Thompson was born near Lucknow, Ontario in the year 1862. His parents were William and Elizabeth (Hamilton) Thompson. Robert came to the area with his parents when he was about twelve years of age, in about 1875-76.

The William Thompson family settled on a farm at the base of Mount Shannon on the southeast corner of Yale and Prest Rds. at an address that is now 47444 Yale Rd.

Robert Thompson married Agnes Vallance who like her husband, had been born in Ontario in 1874, and came to B.C. with her parents as a young girl of twelve in the year 1885.



Mr. Robert Thompson, son Ernest, Mrs. Agnes Thompson and son Charley.

The young couple lived on the family farm at Cheam where eight of their ten children, five boys and five girls were born. Children are; William, Mary, Agnes, Gertrude, Robert, Ernest, Fred, Charles, Rebecca and Dorothy.

In 1908 or early 1909, the family moved to Popcum, buying a quarter section or one hundred and sixty acres from Fred Ault. The homesite is now 10102 Gray Road.

At the time only a log cabin was on the place and in July of 1909 the ninth child Rebecca (Ruby) Maud was born in the log cabin. Soon afterwards a large two-storey house was built. (see picture page 416). On June 10th, 1912, the tenth child Dorothy Isabel was born at home. Attending at the birth were Dr. John C. Elliott of Rosedale and Mrs. Albert Martin. Mrs. Elliott called at the home the following day and weighed the new baby at 13 lbs. This baby grew to be the lady who is the author of this material.

Within a few years, Robert Thompson separated from his wife and family and went to the Peace River area of Alberta. After this, 100 acres of the property was sold to David Greyell. This was to the east, and 40 acres on the south was sold to Harold Cameron. Mrs. Thompson and the younger children remained on the 20 acre homesite.

The family were active members of Popcum and the younger ones attended Popcum Elementary School.

The farm was sold in 1939 to Julius Martin.

Mrs. Agnes Thompson passed away at age 63 years and the funeral was conducted by Rev. T.S. Paton from

Rosedale United Church on November 13th, 1937. Burial was in IOOF Cemetery Chilliwack, B.C.

Robert Thompson passed away in 1943 at age 81 years.



Dorothy and Ruby Thompson in front of Cameron's house.

Dorothy Thompson Lockhart has many vivid memories of her childhood years in Popcum. One of which was an invitation by Dr. Elliott when he called in one day to go for a car ride to Jones Hill, "the thrill of a lifetime".

She also recalled ... the good hunting for ducks, geese and pheasants by her brothers, and the good fishing in Popcum Lake, also how Mother enjoyed working outside, clearing and burning brush, and churning butter for sale to Archibald's store in Rosedale. The children would take turns at the churn and Mother insisted on clean hands before helping to mould the butter.

Our mother never turned any transient away, a meal and bed was always provided. At Christmastime Mother shared with many lonely and single men, serving a Christmas dinner of homegrown goose or rooster and one of many Christmas cakes she had made. Presents were not exchanged at Christmas or birthdays as there simply was no money. In later years, the children gathered cascara bark and dried it for sale and picked berries and hops to earn money for school clothing.

Dorothy spoke with fondness of the school Christmas concerts and how her brothers supplied the Christmas tree. All took part in the program. She talked of the bags made of cheesecloth to hold the nuts and candies, and how oranges were a special treat.

Dorothy has vivid memories of the big ice storm in January of 1935, the afternoon when brothers Charlie and Ernest had walked to Rosedale to get much needed supplies. Dorothy went to the barn to feed the animals and saw the horses snorting as the roof and beams were creaking. She saw a big split in the beams as the weight of

the heavy, wet snow was causing the roof to sag. Dorothy and Ruth Cameron waded through waist deep snow to get help and Charlie Bond came over and a cable was put around the beam and tightened up to hold the barn together. Later, after the snow melted a permanent plate and rods were put in to re-inforce the split beams and they are still there in 1988.

There was a good orchard on the farm, and the family thoroughly enjoyed the apples, pears, cherries and crabapples. This orchard was planted before the turn of the century.



*The Thompson barn.*



*Below, l-r: George, Matilda "Tillie", Ernest, "Lizz" Mary Elizabeth, Fred, Dorothy and Charlie Thompson taken day of Ruby's funeral.*

## THE GEORGE THOMPSON FAMILY

*as told to Mary Person*

George and Anna Thompson lived in the Peace River area with their children, Harold, Leonard and Kathleen. In the 1930's they came to live in Rosedale. George was a saw filer. They lived in two different houses on Yale Road, just east of the railway tracks. After several years they moved to Vancouver. George and his son, Leonard have passed away. Anna Thompson remarried, and her son, Harold lives at Hatzic Lake, B.C.



*Mr. and Mrs. Harold Thompson. Leonard Thompson and his cousin, Cecil Cameron.*



*Donald, Mrs. Mina Thompson, Alan, Madeline and Mae with her grandson, Joey.*

## THE FRED THOMPSON FAMILY

*as told to Mary Person by Alan and Donald Thompson*

Mina Brush and Fred Thompson were married in either 1924 or 1925, and lived on the property which is now 53445 Yale Road East, Popcum, B.C. Five children were born on this farm; Mae, May 31, 1927, Alan, July 10, 1928, Donald, March 17, 1930, Robert, August 31, 1931, and Madeline, June 10, 1933. Fred helped on his mother's farm along with farming his own place.

Mina and Fred separated in 1938, and Mina and family moved to her property about one mile west of their farm on Yale Road East, 100 acres that had been given to Mina as a wedding present from her father who had owned this property for a number of years. This farm bordered the

Carter farm on the west and Mrs. Bob Thompson's piece of property on the east, beside the Ace Bond property. There was a road in the middle of the farm that ran south to the Anderson place. This road is now called Thompson Road.

In 1942 through a tragic incident the whole family was separated. Mrs. Thompson stayed on the farm for awhile, then moved to Ladysmith. In later years Alan, her son, lived with her in Nanaimo. She passed away in Nanaimo, March 1983, at the age of 88. Her property was sold in several parcels. Paul Ludchak bought 24 acres bordering east of Thompson Road. Sam Matychuk bought 24 acres adjoining Ludchak's parcel, and Mr. and Mrs. Norman Moysa of Vancouver, bought the remaining 50 acres west of Thompson Road. Over the years most of this property has been subdivided and sold. Mr. and Mrs. Moysa are still living on five acres of the original property.

The children were moved to various homes: Mae moved to Vancouver but now lives in Nanaimo. She has six children and grandchildren.

Alan moved to Burnaby and is now in Nanaimo. He never married and is now retired.

Donald moved to Burnaby also, and is now retired from B.C. Hydro, after 30 years employment in Nanaimo. He has five children and five grandchildren. All live in Nanaimo.

Robert and Madeline moved to Jaffray. Robert worked at several jobs there. He married and he and his wife, Charlotte managed several apartment blocks in Vancouver. He is in poor health now and in Riverview.

Madeline married George Derosiers and lives in Cranbrook and has three children.

Their father, Fred Thompson worked for the City of



*Madeline and Robert Thompson.*

Vancouver for many years. He suffered a back injury at work, and spent his last years with his sister, Mrs. Dorothy Lockhart in Powell River. He passed away in April 1970 at age 65.

Don and Alan remember that their dad had a 1927 Chev Touring car. They would go on picnics to Harrison. The picnic basket was clamped onto the running board of the car. One day a man with bagpipes serenaded them on the beach. The boys recall their mother saying that they were related to the Ford family of Windsor, Ontario. Asa Ford and Mina Thompson's mother were brother and sister, cousins to Henry Ford.

## CHARLIE THOMPSON FAMILY

*as told to Mary Person*

Charlie Thompson married Marjorie Simoens and they had a daughter, Phyllis. They lived in a little house at 52675 Yale Road East for several years. They then moved to Ladner where a son was born. Charlie worked on road maintenance in Delta. He passed away in Extended Care in the Chilliwack Hospital.



*Donald, Phyllis and her father, Charlie, and Alan Thompson.*

## THE W.J. THOMPSON FAMILY

*by Doris (Thompson) Baldwin*

W.J. Thompson and his wife Gertrude came from the Ottawa Valley to Vancouver where they lingered for about a year before the call of the land up the Fraser Valley drew them to settle in the village of Rosedale in 1908.

Mr. Thompson's ancestors were Scottish-Irish and Gertrude's forbears came from Northern Ireland.

The Thompsons came upriver from Vancouver to Chilliwack by steamer, the practical means of transport



*Mr. and Mrs. Wm. J. Thompson on their 50th Wedding Anniversary, 1953.*

at that time. They brought with them their possessions, and their first two children Jean and Homer, aged four and two. They brought with them also their own considerable talents and accomplishments, which were to be assets to the community. W.J. was qualified as a school teacher, and Gertrude had achieved musical qualifications from the Academy of Montreal.

Their chosen property was the 80-acre forested property at 51756 Nevin Road. The name of the original owner was Solomon. There was a frame house of two storeys, a barn, two small log barns, and an orchard with many varieties of fruit not common today. The original house was later moved across the fields to the Holt farm on McElwee Road, and was destroyed by fire about 1938, when occupied by the Hoff family. The large Thompson house on the high ground on the farm was built by Jack Martin around 1918. W.J. Thompson cleared the heavy timber from the entire farm by himself with the aid of a team of horses, hand tools and some hired help.

Three additional members of the family were born in Rosedale: Doris, Hugh, and Gordon. As Doris recalls, the year of 1927 was a banner year for the Thompsons. Jean graduated as a nurse from the Vancouver General



*Our old home at Rosedale, 1924.*

Hospital, winning the Gold Medal and two of the nine much-sought-after prizes. She served as Assistant Head Nurse of the Operating Ward of that hospital, and then in the eye, ear, nose and throat department. Homer gained his Master degree at U.B.C., another step in a series of scholastic triumphs beginning in high school entrance at age 11, and high school matriculation at age 14, university scholarships and fellowships leading later to a Doctorate in Archaeology and appointment to the Agora excavation in Athens. He later directed the restoration of the Agora and reconstruction of the Stoa of Attalos. He continues his research and writing from his official quarters in the Institute for Advanced Study near Princeton University, New Jersey, making seasonal trips as required to the site of his interests in Greece. (At one time when Doris visited him, he was sharing a mailbox with a neighbour at the Institute, physicist Albert Einstein.) His archaeological career was interrupted only by his WWII years of service in British Naval Intelligence where he made a substantial contribution to operations in

the Eastern Mediterranean. On September 3, 1956, in a service of dedication of his work in the Agora, he was made a freeman of the city of Athens.

In 1927, Doris graduated from Vancouver Normal School leading the total class and embarked upon her desired career of teaching. She taught in B.C., South Africa and Alberta, and continued post graduate studies by dint of summer school and night classes.

In 1927 Hugh matriculated with honours from High School. He went on to pursue a course in Agriculture at the University of Alberta, graduating in 1933 with a Master's degree in Agriculture. For the next three years, he was employed by Fraser Valley Milk Producers Association in testing and Quality Control, in locations at Vancouver and Abbotsford, doing in-plant testing and field work. In 1936 he returned to University of Alberta Soils Department in a Federal plan of soil surveying, mapping and analysis for the province. Then for three years he was with the federal Livestock Marketing branch in Calgary, involved in market reporting and grading. Since 1942 until retirement, he managed his own progressive farm at Olds, Alberta, where he now resides.

In 1927, Gordon had completed elementary school with a recommendation to high school without examination, an innovation greatly appreciated by the students. He developed geological interests which led him to work and study throughout the mining precincts of B.C. Ability and hard work, coupled with some natural instincts, channelled his energy into the realm of business. For many years he owned and successfully operated the Keremeos Hardware store in Keremeos. On selling this, he became an investment counsellor and advisor of established reputation, and although he is now retired he is by no means inactive.

During their years in Rosedale, Mr. and Mrs. Thompson were unstinting in their support of constructive community projects and organizations. Among these were the Athletic Club, the Parent Teachers Association, and the Presbyterian Church (later the United Church) for which Mr. Thompson, together with Maxwell Stevenson Jr., erected the church building. Mr. Thompson was for some years an elected school trustee. When they departed from the community to retire in 1938, they were the recipients of an illuminated address expressing the appreciation of the community for their many good works during their thirty years in Rosedale.



*Wm. J. and Gertrude Thompson family, 1933.*

## THE TOEWS FAMILY

by Irene (Toews) Riediger

Jacob N. and Tina Toews with their family of seven children, two sons and five daughters, came from Herbert, Saskatchewan in 1944 to live at 10689 McGrath Road. They purchased the six acre poultry and fruit farm of N.R. Britton.

The five younger children attended Rosedale Elementary School and the family attended the Menonite Brethren Church which was meeting in the Orange Hall on McGrath Road. When the church was built on Chilliwack Central Road, the Toews' were active in the new church building project.



Mr. Jacob N. and Mrs. Tina Toews and family. Back row, l-r: Alvin, Harv. Mr. and Mrs. Toews, Luella. Front row: Elnora, Marion, Erla and Irene.

The Toews family was amazed at the differences between Rosedale and their Saskatchewan home. At Rosedale, the family enjoyed running water and indoor plumbing and electric lights for the first time.

The family planted an acreage of raspberries and all of the children picked berries. There were forty-two cherry trees on the farm and the children enjoyed them "to the full", and helped pick hundreds of pounds for sale. In 1961 Mr. and Mrs. Toews sold the property to Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Schinkel and moved to Chilliwack, where in 1988 they are living in retirement.

Their children are: Alvin and his wife Irene of Abbotsford, Luella (Mrs. Bert Schartner) of Salmon Arm, B.C., Irene married Peter Riediger and resides in Chilliwack, B.C., Elnora is Mrs. Rudy Froese of Agassiz, B.C., Marion (Mrs. Henry Schmidt) of Calgary, Alberta, Erla (Mrs. Vern Thiessen) live in Sardis, B.C. and Harvey and his wife Diane who also reside in Sardis, B.C.



Brian, Peter and Irene Riediger's son with a lime spreader and loader.

## THE GEORGE TOUGH FAMILY

by George Tough

George Tough and Bathia Bannerman were both born in Aberdeen County, Scotland in 1862 and 1873 respectively. They were married in the city of Aberdeen on July 10, 1902. Their first child, Alexander, was born in Scotland.

The family moved to Canada. On October 4, 1903, their second child, George, was born in Vancouver, B.C. On February 2, 1904, George Tough purchased 42.75 acres of land in Rosedale from the estate of John B. Hagen at 10835 Chapman Road.



Mrs. Bathia Tough holding daughter, Mary, George Jr., Mr. George Tough Sr., and Alexander.

On September 18, 1905, the family's third child, Mary was born. William, their fourth child, was born on February 5, 1908.

On June 22, 1912, Bathia (Beth) Tough was born. Tragically Bathia (Bannerman) Tough died giving birth to her fifth child. Her husband, George, was left with five young children, one of whom was an infant. He decided to return to Scotland.

It was decided that Alexander, the oldest child, would remain in Canada. Beth, the youngest of the children was

left in the care of the Robert Hamilton family on a neighbouring farm. George Tough took the other members of his family, George, Mary and William to Scotland where they lived with their relatives. On February 22, 1913, the family's Rosedale property was sold to William D. Muir.

George Tough eventually returned to Canada, bringing his son, George, with him. William and Mary returned at a later date.

George Tough resided in Vancouver and was employed as a bridge keeper at the Eburne Bridge in Marpole until his death on June 24, 1926. George and Bathia Tough are buried in the Odd Fellows Cemetery in Chilliwack, B.C.

The remaining members of the family continued to reside in British Columbia. Alexander married Alberta and lived in Penticton until he died in 1981. George married Olive and resided in Vancouver until his death in 1981. Mary married Roland Jackson and lived in Victoria. Mary passed away in 1965. George (the second) and Mary (Jackson) are buried in the family plot in the Odd Fellows Cemetery, Chilliwack.

The two younger children, William and Beth are still living in 1988. William married Muffy and later divorced. He then married Gladys. They currently reside in Delta, B.C.

Beth married Russell Street. The Streets lived in Chilliwack most of their married life. Russell passed away in 1980.

Descendants of the family include:

Alexander's children - William and Shirley (Beasom)

George's children - George and Robert

Mary's children - Verna Craig and Elizabeth Grassler

William's child - Wendy Gerlock

Beth - no descendants

## SAMUEL TRETHEWEY AND FAMILY

*by C. V. Ryder*

*information from Clarke Trethewey, CAL, USA*

Samuel Trethewey (1861-1929) was born in Watertown, near Bracebridge, in the Muskoka region of Ontario, one of a family of five sons and two daughters of James Trethewey and his wife Mary Anne Ogle. James was born in Cornwall, England, of Irish descent. He had migrated to Canada and become established in the lumbering business in Muskoka, where the family name is preserved in Trethewey Falls. He had also established a relationship with the Dollar family, later proprietors of the Dollar Steamship lines on the west coast.

James came to B.C. in 1876, travelling by CPR as far as construction had progressed and thenceforth largely by foot. His wife and family joined him in 1882, travelling by U.S. rail and coastal steamship routes. The family settled in Mission as the first white family. Mrs. Trethewey operated the first store and was the first postmistress.

In 1891 the family moved to Chilliwack and constructed a grist mill on Elk Creek, followed by a sawmill, both water-powered. Richard Brett married Emma Trethewey and later took over these properties.

Samuel married Miss Elizabeth Morrow of Bracebridge on a return visit to Ontario in 1890. Returning to B.C. he farmed on Nicomen Island until 1894 when he joined the family operations in Chilliwack. His brothers Arthur and James expanded by organizing the Harrison Mills Timber and Trading Company in 1900. Sam followed a similar direction by purchasing mill equipment from Muirhead Brothers in Rosedale in 1908 and operating a steam-powered sawmill on the south side of Castleman Road. The family home was at 50338 Castleman Road.

Clarke Trethewey recounts an anecdote involving Sam Trethewey and Sam Barkley, a rangy tobacco-chewing



*The Sam Trethewey home on Castleman Road. Sam and Elizabeth at right, with sons Howard and Ernest and daughter, Rosanna, 1910.*

Ontarian who had lost one eye in a foundry accident and later farmed on Castleman Road (see family account).

An altercation between these two had culminated in Sam T. telling Sam B. that he was fired. The conversation, paraphrased: Sam B., towering over Sam T., "Sam, you old so-and-so, I have worked for you for 25 years and you can't fire me. I won't quit." Sam T.: "If I say you're fired, you're fired. But relax; I've just re-hired you."

After a few years of operation the mill suffered major fire damage and was not rebuilt. Sam moved to Abbotsford, in partnership with his brothers Arthur and James, in the Abbotsford Lumber Company. He was successively in business in Clayburn; Alberta (farming); Abbotsford again, and finally in Kamloops where he died in a highway accident in 1929. He was predeceased by Elizabeth who died in 1916 in her 44th year.

Sam and Elizabeth had two sons, Ernest and Howard, and one daughter Rosanna (Anna). They attended Camp Slough School in some of the years the family lived on Castleman Road.

Ernest, born in 1892 in Dewdney, married Rosetta

(Rose) Gilbert, daughter of Milton Gilbert of Camp Slough. They had one son, Lloyd, and five daughters, all living in B.C. The family lived in Invermere, B.C. Ernest and Rose retired in their later years to Chilliwack where Ernest died in 1975 and Rose in 1976.

Howard married in Mission and does not appear to have had further connection with local history.

Anna married Jacob McDaniel, an employee of the sawmill. They are both deceased, in 1971 and 1980 respectively. Two sons, Raymond and Leslie McDaniel, are residents of the Chilliwack area.

## THE OZIAS WESLEY BARBER TRIBE FAMILY

*by Gwendolyn (Tribe) Friel and Ted Tribe*

Ozias Wesley Barber Tribe - lived in Rosedale from 1904-1915.

Mary Jane Tribe - lived in Rosedale 43 years, from 1904 to 1947.

Ozias and Mary Jane (Jenny) Tribe and five children arrived in Rosedale by horse and covered wagon, with their livestock in tow in 1904.

Previously, Ozias had travelled from Olds, Alberta, to New Westminster to buy some land around what is now Port Mann. Then he returned to Alberta for his family, which consisted of Lois, age 14, Bill, age 11, and Jonathan, age 8, who had all been born in the Woodstock area of Ontario; and Ruby and Bertha who had been born in Alberta.

Now they were headed west. They stopped at little settlements along the way, where Ozias would set up and preach sermons to the isolated people. It was a slow journey as they had to make many stops to feed their livestock or let them graze where the terrain permitted.

Finally, they arrived at their property in the Port Mann area only to find that it was flooded! The dykes had not yet been built, and the land was useless. So they made their way over to Hazelmere near Cloverdale, and then later on to Mud Bay by the Serpentine River.

Unhappy with these temporary locations, Ozias left his family once more to search for more suitable land. This time his travels took him up the valley and over the then new Dewdney Trail. It is not known if he got as far as Princeton. On his return, he fell in love with Rosedale, which had attracted him before. Once again he went through the process of buying land, but this time it was to prove the final move that he and Jenny would make.

This time the family settled down on their farm on Yale Wagon Road, now Old Yale Road.

The children attended Rosedale Public School and Ozias and Jenny became very active in the Methodist Church. Ozias led the choir and Jenny taught Sunday School.

In 1906 Kenneth Tribe was born. In June 1909, Jonathan successfully completed his High School entrance examinations. In September he boarded a Paddle Steamer which took him to Vancouver, where he attended King Edward High School. A month later a new son, Edson, was born to Ozias and Jenny.

Fernbridge Lumber Co. owned and operated by

Doman Singh built a Sawmill on that part of the Tribe farm which bordered the Indian Reserve. Ted (Edson) Tribe, retired and now living in Kelowna recalls, "Harry Edwards was then Chief and lived just inside the reserve next to the nearest white settlers by the name of Matheson. The following families also lived in this area: Isaac Henderson and family, Herb Brush, and John Martin and family. We built a bungalow just east of the Brush home".

Ozias was a bookkeeper for the Fernbridge mill for sometime as well as farming his own land.

In 1912, Adeline was born to Jenny and Ozias and Jonathan arrived home from his final year of High School. His Diploma received on July 1st, 1912, reads, 'Jonathan Tribe has successfully completed the High School Matriculation Examination' and it was headed 'McGill University'. This would be the equivalent of the B.C. Government examinations given today.

The following year Jonathan received his Teacher's Certificate from the Vancouver Normal School and at age 18, went to his first teaching position in the Sumas Prairie area. On the weekends he walked 12 miles along the railroad tracks home to Rosedale. The land was so swampy that the tracks were the only dry place to walk.

Graham and McNair built a shingle mill on the farm just next to the Sawmill. Their families were raised in Rosedale. Ted recalls Pearl McNair and Ronald Graham.

The CN Railway (1913) now ran through the Tribe farm cutting it about the centre, with a spur line running on the east side to service the mills.

In 1915, a tragic event was to change the lives of all the Tribe family. Ozias was killed resulting from a fall from a hayloft on the Baxter Anderson place, where he was assisting.

Ted recalls he and Addie were watching out the window as the hearse went by. "Someone stayed home with us little ones".

Jenny was left a widow with a large family to care for. The older children helped as they could, but war was on and Jonathan had left his teaching position to enlist in the army, and was soon overseas driving an ammunition cart and horse on the front lines.

William (Bill) left for Alberta. He worked as a barber

*Johnathan (Jack) Tribe.*



and farmer, eventually homesteading in the Peace River country.

Lois married Arthur Tuson, a painter in Rosedale. They later moved to Vancouver.

Ruby married Jack Sherneck, a shingle mill operator for Graham-McNair, later moving to Queensborough.

Bertha went into nurse's training and eventually married Percy Clay in Vancouver.

Even though Jenny was a widow with small children still at home, she still fed the tramps that came to the door. They rode the rail cars even in those early days; and the railway ran right through the farm.

In 1918, Jonathan returned home to Rosedale from overseas and immediately set to work on the section crew of the railway and helped his mother (Jenny) on the farm. He felt a great responsibility for his Mother and the three children. Eventually, a teaching position close to home presented itself, and for the next four years he taught all grades at the Popcum School.

In 1922, Jonathan married Edna (Muir) Hawkins, a prominent member of the Young Adults Bible Class of the United Church, and daughter of Robert Muir, the local Blacksmith.

By this time Ken was 16, Ted 13, and Addie was 10.



*Ken Tribe and his sister, Addie.*

In 1927 Jenny married Maxwell Stevenson. He accepted her family as his own, and was especially kind to the writer, Gwen, Jonathan's eldest child. I was invited to their home every year for holidays. I remember Rosedale as a happy place.

Jenny passed away in the spring of 1947. She was much

*Mrs. Tribe with her Sunday School class, 1921.*



loved and missed by all who knew her. This was the era of Quilting Bees, baking for church and bazaars, being good to your neighbour, and giving what you could. She will be remembered not only for her hard work, but also for her graciousness and quiet kindness.



*Ken and Laura Tribe, Charlie and Harriet Stuart.*

## KEN TRIBE FAMILY

*by Beverley (Tribe) Pugle*

Ken Tribe was born in Rosedale in 1906. He went to Grade School there, and then in his teens travelled to Alberta to work on the grain farms and finally homesteaded in the Peace River Country at Whitelaw, where his brother Bill had settled.

He returned to Rosedale in the early '30's and married Laura Bustin in 1934. They moved to Port Moody where he worked in a sawmill for several years. Returning to Rosedale in 1941, he took over his parents' farm on Old Yale Road.

Farming was his life until 1953, when he bought the Service Food Market, which he ran until selling it in 1969. During these years he was active in the community, belonging to the Volunteer Fire Department, and the Rosedale Athletic Club.

After selling the store, he retired in Popcum where he lived until his death in 1979.

Laura was active in Saint Peter's Church and the Rosedale Women's Institute.

Ken and Laura Tribe had one daughter, Beverley, who attended Rosedale Elementary School. Beverley later married Brian Pugle and the young couple lived for some years at 51165 Yale Road, Rosedale.

Brian and Bev were active in the Community. They have two sons: Bradley and Victor. Presently the Pugles live at Chase, B.C.

### MY STORY

by Edson "Ted" Tribe

Edson Tribe was born in Rosedale in 1909. He attended Rosedale Elementary School and grade 9 in Chilliwack High School. Dad died in 1915, when I was five.

After grade 9, I spent about a year and a half on the farm, then went to New Westminster to work in Beach's Shingle Mill on Lulu Island. My sister Ruby's husband, Jack Sherneck was foreman there. In April 1927, my brother Ken and I went to Whitelaw, Alberta to join our brother Bill homesteading - 3 miles north of that town. Bill worked as a barber.

I returned to the coast in the fall of 1927 and went to work in the shingle mill at Port Hammond. I spent a year there, then returned to Whitelaw for the harvest, and stayed until July 1933. I proved up and got title to my 1/4 section. Then I returned to the coast to work at Boundary Road Shingle Mill for 17¢ per hour.

In 1934, I went to work at Port Moody for McMillan Bloedell at their Shingle Mill. During these years, I visited Mother and Addie and my stepfather Max Stevenson.

Adeline Tribe was born on November 14, 1912. She lived with her widowed mother on the farm and went to school in Rosedale.

Her daughter Glenda reports that Addie was the first girl to wear shorts in Rosedale, which horrified the local residents.

She was pretty and vivacious and attended the dances in the Community Hall. Addie married Calvin Short on September 17th, 1932, and moved to Chilliwack. They had three children, Franklin, Glenda and Richard.

During the last few years of her mother's life (Jenny Stevenson), Addie was constantly back and forth to Rosedale, caring for her now failing Mom.

On November 1st, 1954, Cal died and Addie later worked as an aid in Chilliwack Hospital for a few years.

Later she remarried and subsequently moved to Sullivan Bay, B.C., a coastal logging camp. She lived in a bungalow that was situated on a log float. While she was there, she spent many hours painting seascapes and surrounding landscapes on large sea shells and canvas.

Addie died August 23rd, 1977 of cancer.

### THEODORE A. and GERDA TRYSSENAAR

by Anne (Tryssenaar) Erho

Theodore "Tim" and Gerda Tryssenaar emigrated from Holland in 1938. They farmed in Ontario for two and a half years before coming to British Columbia in September of 1940.

The family settled on the farm on Pool Road, south off of Castleman Road which they bought from Mr. and

Mrs. R.A. Ober. At first they had Guernsey cows, later, they acquired Holsteins and had 100 purebred milk cows.

The Tryssenaars were among the first Dutch immigrants to establish a large dairy farm. They were very helpful to many new Dutch families who came to the area and to many young farmers starting out on their own.

For some 30 years, Tim Tryssenaar bought and sold numerous farm properties in the Rosedale and Agassiz area.

The Tryssenaars retired in the spring of 1962, to live at 50855 Castleman Road, Rosedale.

Mrs. Tryssenaar was a member of the United Church at Rosedale and belonged to the United Church Women's group and the Rosedale Women's Institute until her death in 1988.

There are two children, both married: - daughter Anne Erho lives in North Vancouver, B.C. and son Guy lives in Coquitlam, B.C..



Gordon the Chauffen, Guy, Gerda, Anne and Theo Tryssenaar, 1940.

### THE TWEDDLE FAMILY

by Blake Tweddle

Howland Tweddle and his friend Roy Nelson travelled from their Pincher Creek, Alberta, home to visit at the



Mrs. Jean Tweddle.

James Mercer Home in Rosedale in the early 1920's. Roy Nelson was married to Inez Mercer at the time. In 1930 Howland Tweddle married Miss Jean Mercer. The couple lived in Agassiz for two years, son Roger was born there. In 1932 the Tweddles moved to Rosedale and took over the farm of Mrs. Margaret Mercer. "The Cedars", were at that time eighty acres, less the school site. It stretched from Yale Road to Nevin Road and was divided by the CNR. A second son Blake was born at the Cedars in 1934.



*Blake and Roger Tweddle with Uncle Will and Grandma Mercer.*

Howland Tweddle's sister Minnie and brother Walter made their home with Jean and Howland, helping with the farm work. The Mercer herd in 1932 was mostly Holstein, but the Tweddles preferred the smaller Jersey breed and a good herd of these sleek brown cattle was developed over the years. It is recalled that on occasion the hand cocked coils of hay would be covered with canvas caps to shed the rain.

The family were regular in attendance at the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints on Munro Avenue.

Miss Minnie and Walter Tweddle are now deceased.

Jean Tweddle died in 1958 at age 65. Her husband Howland lived to 84 years, dying in 1969.

Blake Tweddle is married and the father of four children. He resides in Vernon, where he is an employee of B.C. Telephone Company. Roger lives in Rosedale on a small lot that is part of the original farm of his grand-

parents. He has taken a keen interest in his heritage and has persevered to make sure that the Karr-Mercer post and beam barn was not destroyed. He hopes to see it reconstructed as representative of the type of barns built at the turn of the twentieth century.



*The Karr-Mercer barn.*

## THE JACK VALLANCE FAMILY

*by Marion (Vallance) Gray*

Jack Vallance was born in Warton, district of Owen Sound, Ontario, July 5th, 1880. His family moved to Rosedale in 1885 and homesteaded on the McGrath Road. He was christened at St. Thomas' Anglican Church, Chilliwack, in 1885.

His family consisted of four sisters, one brother and one half brother: Agnes (Mrs. Bob Thompson of Popcum, B.C.), Maggie (Mrs. Dick Bustin of Rosedale, B.C.), Minnie (Mrs. M. Gilbert of Vancouver, B.C.), Lizzy (Mrs. C. LaGrue of Vancouver, B.C.), Matthew of Popcum, B.C. and Walter McGrath (half brother) of Rosedale (on McGrath Road), B.C. They attended school in Rosedale. The school was located where the new post office is now.

The Vallance family made it through the 1894 flood.

*Jack Vallance, Maggie Bustin, Nellie McGrath, Walter McGrath, Lizzy LaGrue, Matt Vallance, Minnie Gilbert on her 50th anniversary.*



Jack and his sister, Maggie, went down the Camp Slough on a raft as far as Maggie's place opposite the Camp Slough Hall, a distance of some three miles.

About the turn of the century, Jack teamed up with his brother, Matt, and Noble Ryder and started the first Agassiz-Rosedale ferry. Lacking built-in power, the ferry depended on oars and a horse on the river bank.

Jack had a good team of horses with which he hauled milk from Rosedale to Sardis with wagons in the summer and sleighs in the winter.

He crossed the Fraser River on the ice to go dancing in Agassiz and in the summer he'd cross by canoe, trying not to get caught up in the fishing nets set out by the Indians for their winter's food.

After making several trips to Agassiz across the Fraser, Jack finally came home with his bride, Marion (Minnie) Hogg. In 1920 they farmed the same place where Jack was raised, the S.E. corner of McGrath and Camp River Roads. It was shortly after this that Jack's half brother, Walter McGrath, started operating a steam powered ferry boat to cross the Fraser River from Rosedale to Agassiz.



*The Jack Vallance home on McGrath and Ferry Roads, Rosedale before 1920. L-r: Jack Vallance, Meta Coughlin, granddaughter of Mrs. McGrath, Bill Thompson, Grandson of Mrs. McGrath, Mrs. Grace McGrath, Matthew Vallance.*

Jack and Minnie had a family of two; H. David Vallance, who married Margaret Kilpatrick of Vancouver, June 1, 1946, and now lives in Sardis, B.C., and Marion who married John Gray of Shellbrook, Saskatchewan in 1942. They are now residing in Quesnel.\*

Jack and Minnie cleared farm land and milked cows by hand and shipped the milk to the Fraser Valley Milk Plant in Sardis.

Jack moved the Anglican Church of Camp Slough to Rosedale about 1930 by team and wagon. Dick Bustin had his team of horses helping Jack as well.

Jack and Minnie grew some of the first sweet corn in Rosedale which was taken to Vancouver for the table corn market. They would also trade setting hens for eggs. This was done quite often with Dot Boule who lived about a half mile down the Camp Slough road from the Vallances. Jack worked off his land taxes by hauling rock



*Mr. and Mrs. Jack Vallance with Marion and David.*

with his team to help build the dykes. In 1943 he sold the homestead to his nephew Arnold Bustin. In 1946 Minnie fell and broke her hip which set them back in health.

In 1948 Jack was flooded out of his home at 51691 Ferry Road. There was 4-6 inches of water on the floor.

Minnie Vallance died April 1950 and was laid to rest in the 100F cemetery in Chilliwack.

Jack spent the rest of his life in Kersley, B.C., where in 1954 he bought a place with his son-in-law. In 1960 Jack Vallance moved to a Provincial Home in Kamloops where he passed away on September 18th, 1964. Jack was laid to rest beside Minnie in the cemetery in Chilliwack, B.C.

John Gray died in 1988. Ed.

## **MATTHEW VALLANCE**

*information from Henry Vallance*

Matthew (Matt) Vallance (1885-1949) was born in the state of Washington when his parents and family were travelling from Ontario to their destination in the Fraser Valley. The location of the earliest residence of the Vallance family is not known, but after the death of James Vallance and Mrs. Vallance's re-marriage to Patrick McGrath, the location was the Patrick McGrath property near the junction of Camp Slough with the Fraser River.

As a young man, together with his older brother John and his younger half brother Walter McGrath, Matt was involved in various ways in early ferry services across the Fraser from what was known as "McGrath's Landing". In this connection the three were referred to in the *Chilliwack Progress* as "The McGrath Brothers".

In September 1907 Matt and Jack Vallance purchased two farms, of a total of 72 acres, from their stepfather Patrick McGrath, and pursued land-clearing and farming activities.

In 1914, Matthew married Mary Edna Wynn (1894-1943), whose father, Henry Wynn, lived in Huntingdon, B.C., but spent his later years in Rosedale and at one time owned residential lots of the David Greyell subdivision.

In 1926, Matt Vallance and family moved to Saskatchewan and later, northern Alberta, returning in 1933 to live in Popkum.

The oldest son, Henry Vallance, was born in Rosedale in 1915, and attended school there until 1926. Following the family's return to Popkum, he entered employment with Canadian Pacific on the coastal steamships, continuing until retirement. He now lives in Vancouver.

The second son, Lawrence Vallance, was born in Peace River, Alberta, in 1929, and attended school in Popkum and Chilliwack. He has pursued a professional accounting career, and now resides in Richmond. The only daughter, Esther Vallance, was born in 1931 in Peace River, Alberta, and attended schools in Popkum and Chilliwack. She is married and living at Port McNeil, Vancouver Island.

## WALTER H. "COLONEL" VANDERBURG 1868-1955

*from Autobiographical notes of W.H. Vanderburg and  
Norma Vanderburg Simpson*

W.H. Colonel Vanderburg came to Rosedale as inspector of construction for the Canadian Northern Pacific Railway which in 1914 was building between Chilliwack and Hope. He was a familiar figure in the community in the period 1920-1930. Those who remember him do not recall that he was ever referred to except as Colonel. This nickname did not arise from any previous military rank, but was given him by his peers in his earlier years in Ontario, by reason of his willingness to take a role of leadership in public and community affairs - and there is no denying that the title fitted well.

Born in 1868 near Strathroy, Ontario, Walter Vanderburg was orphaned at the age of five. He was assigned to a farming couple under terms which were equivalent to indenture, to age eighteen. He completed elementary school at age eleven with award-winning marks, but was denied secondary schooling. At age eighteen, he found satisfactory employment on another farm where there were youths of his own age. He saved and was able to attend Chatham Business College and achieved qualification in accounting. Unable to find employment as an accountant he returned to Poplar Hill near Strathroy where he had grown up.

Here he was active in many community groups, and it was at the local tennis club that he became known as "the Colonel", a name that was indicative of his leadership efforts.

He worked on fruit and vegetable farms and with his brother developed a large business providing strawberry plants.

After a brief employment in a Surrey firm he accepted work in 1910 in the survey party led by Colonel W.G. Swan for the Northern Pacific Railway in B.C. He applied for employment and came to B.C. in 1912. He returned to Ontario to marry his sweetheart Edith Mills of Leamington. They came to Chilliwack where daughter Norma was born in 1913, then to Rosedale in 1914 where they lived in the Rosedale Hotel. When the railway construction was finished in 1915, they moved to Hope, where the Colonel was employed by the railway in the signal tower.



*Colonel Vanderburg and his daughter, Norma.*

Edith Venderburg died in 1915, their daughter Norma was cared for by relatives.

The Colonel continued to work in Hope until 1920 when he returned to Rosedale. Norma came back in 1922 to live with the family of Duke Patterson - she became a close companion of the Patterson's daughter Marion.

In Rosedale the Colonel played tennis and was president of the Rosedale Athletic Club 1924-25. He grew strawberries with mixed success on a rented plot in the middle of the village. In the summer months he vended

ice cream from a stand at the Rosedale Ferry landing where there were long lines of waiting automobiles on busy days.

In 1929 when the Patterson family left Rosedale, Norma moved to Ontario. In 1931 when employment conditions had become desperate in B.C. the Colonel was classified as single unemployed and placed in the relief camp at Cheam View at age 63. Following this disheartening experience, he moved to Chilliwack. For many years he was employed at Richards Bowling Alley and Pool Hall in Chilliwack. He spent some years in Menholm before his death in 1955 at age 86.

Norma duplicated her father's ability to learn, starting high school at the age of 11. She and Marion Patterson had instruction in ballet dancing, and this was the basis for Norma's winning of prizes for ballroom dancing in Ontario. She married Harry Honey in Ontario, and they lived in the U.S.A., Albemarle and Nanaimo. Norma is now Mrs. Roy Simpson, living in Chilliwack.

### **MRS. BESSIE WALLACE AND FAMILY**

*F.H. Bryant from Doreen (Wallace) Wincott*

Bessie Bradley was the third daughter of James Brown Bradley and Mrs. Jane Bradley, who came to Rosedale in 1908.

She taught in Ontario and while teaching there she married Albert Edward Wallace. They moved to Saskatchewan where a family of four sons and four daughters were raised.



*Mrs. Bessie Wallace.*

Following the death of Albert Wallace, Bessie brought her family to Rosedale and resided at 51470 Yale Rd. in 1937. This was the original Alex Mercer house which had been moved to this address to make way for the construction of the C.N.R. Railway in 1912-13. Mr. and Mrs. Alex Mercer were living in Vancouver, as Mr. Mercer was active with F.V.M.P.A. head offices. Mrs. Wallace was a sister of Mrs. Mercer.

Family members coming to Rosedale were Eleanor, George and Fred. Both George and Fred attended Rosedale Elementary School and Chilliwack High School. The family all attended Rosedale United Church, where Mrs. Wallace was active in the Ladies Aid. The family attended the Sunday School and Young People's Society. Daughters Bertha and Adelaide came in 1938 and Doreen in 1939, they had been teaching in Saskatchewan. Eleanor married Donald Bryant and resides at McLeese Lake, B.C. Bertha married Bill Mounce and lives at Port Coquitlam. Adelaide married Linton Harris of Milner and lives in Vancouver. Doreen married Alwyn Wincott and lives at Sardis, B.C. George lives in Vancouver and Fred is in California.

Mrs. Bessie Wallace passed away in 1957 and is buried in I.O.O.F. Cemetery.

### **THE WARD FAMILY IN ROSEDALE**

*information by Catherine Fortune*

Joseph Ward, his wife Vera and three children, Catherine (Kitty), Joe and Ronald came to Rosedale in April 1930 from Plymouth, Cornwall England. Joseph Sr. had been in the Royal Navy, but on the advice of his doctor emigrated to Canada for reasons of health. Soon after settling in Rosedale, he was in the employ of George Bryant a local farmer, but subsequently took on the duties as janitor of the local school. Later he took work in Chilliwack. Many local boys will remember that Mr. Ward played and taught English football (soccer) and gave coaching lessons in the finer points of boxing.

In 1942 Mr. Ward joined the B.C. Police Force, which was later incorporated into the R.C.M.P. As a result he was stationed in many areas of B.C. including Nelson, Prince Rupert and Division Headquarters in Victoria where he remained upon retirement. Joe Jr. joined the Royal Air Force, but later transferred to the Royal Canadian Navy and served during WWII aboard several destroyers and frigates on the North Atlantic run. After the War he studied music at the Toronto Conservatory and settled in Ontario where he became a teacher and supervisor of music for the Ontario School Board. Both he and his sister Catherine got their musical start from a local Rosedale teacher--Mrs. Percy Bartindale. Catherine sang in operettas directed by Mrs. Bartindale. These proved to be great fun for the many young people involved. Catherine also sang in the choir of the United Church at the time Reverend George Turpin was pastor. After her marriage to Terry Fortune she moved to Montreal to continue her studies in singing, at the same time raising a family. In 1959 she and her family returned to B.C. and now reside in Victoria. Ronald, the youngest of the three children, finished his schooling in Rosedale

and Chilliwack then proceeded to the University of British Columbia where he received a degree in Geology. After brief periods working in the oil industry in Texas and Brazil, he moved to Alberta and is now living in Calgary where he runs his own oil exploration company.

Mr. Joseph Ward Sr. is now deceased and Mrs. Ward is living in Victoria. She has four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.



---, Cora Fettes, Harry Bryant and Ronnie Ward - May Day festivities.

## THE HAROLD WARES FAMILY

by Helen (Wares) McCaughan

Harold John Wares was born June 5, 1888 at Wheatley River, Prince Edward Island. As a young man he went



Mary and Harold Wares.

out to the Prairie Provinces during the summers. He eventually settled on a farm about fifty miles southwest of Medicine Hat at Granlea, Alberta. There he met and married Elizabeth Mary Smith of Rosedale, B.C. who was teaching school in Alberta. Mary Smith was born at Rosedale, B.C. on March 29, 1894, the year of the flood. She was the daughter of Sarah Matilda Nelson and step-daughter of Jim Nelson of Rosedale.

Three girls were born to them in Alberta: Marjorie Catherine, July 26, 1920, Madeline Mary, August 30, 1921 and Helen Matilda on September 25, 1922. Because of many years of crop failures the family moved to Rosedale, B.C. in 1924. The first winter was spent in a tent at a Cheam View sawmill. Next they lived in a small cabin on property across the road from very good neighbors the George Karr family.

Mr. Wares was a carpenter and worked on the



The Wares girls: Marjorie, Verda with son Rod, and Helen.



Elaine and Madeline.

Community Hall. Over the years the family resided in four other houses located on the McGrath, Ford, Yale and Annis Roads. A daughter Verda Annie was born on May 1, 1927 and Hazel Elaine on December 3, 1935. The Wares moved to Chilliwack in 1938. Marjorie married Dennis Reid of Kelowna in 1944. Dennis was in the radio business and they have lived at Kelowna, Quesnel, Nanaimo and are now retired at Salmon Arm. Their son

Patrick lives with wife Judy at 100 Mile House. Son Ken and wife Karen live with children Erin and Joseph at Quesnel. Cathy and husband Bruce Reynold live in the Bahamas with daughters Megan and Tracy.

Madeline married Fred Lobb of Vancouver. They emigrated to Los Angeles, California. Fred died in 1970 and Madeline the following year. Their son, Frederick, lives in Alhambra, California, with his wife Lori and daughter Christine.

Helen married Walter McCaughan in 1945. After Walter's discharge from the army in 1947 they moved to Islay, Alberta where Walter ran a general store. Helen taught school at Islay and Vermillion, Alberta. In 1955, Helen's sister Verda passed away leaving two sons, Roderick and Randal. The next year, the boys came to live with Helen and Walter. Rod now lives with his wife Lois in Edmonton. Randy and Rita and their three children, Noel, Amy and Emily, live at St. Paul, Alberta, where Randy is practicing law.

Elaine married John Hughes in 1959. They have five children: Robert and wife Terri, Marie, Julie, Harold and Brian. They have lived at Chilliwack, Clinton, and for many years at Fort St. John where John is in the plumbing and heating business.

Mary Wares passed away in 1964 and Harold Wares in 1973.

## A.G. WATSON

*by Laurie Anderson*

Alfred Green Watson was born in Kentucky. He came to Canada and settled in High River, Alberta where he was in Real Estate. He had three children; a son and two daughters who lived in the United States. He came to Rosedale in the 1930's and bought a house at 9835 McGrath Road South. In 1947 Jack and Jean Merson moved in with him. He was fond of children and was known to them as "Wat". One incident I remember was hearing cries one day and going to the front door I saw Jean coming down McGrath Road running with Marlene in her arms. In those days we called Marlene "Toby". Behind Jean came Wat and then Archie Thompson. I noticed Toby was blue. Jean tripped on the step, and I grabbed Toby. Luckily I pressed on the right spot because out popped a peach pit, then came a big howl. Wat was so worried. Wat passed away in 1949 and is buried in the I.O.O.F. cemetery.

*Alfred Watson with his grandson.*



## TOM AND ELIZABETH WHITNEY

*by Gladys Dickinson*

Tom and Elizabeth Whitney, and their two children, Tommie and Betty settled on Old Yale Road, having come out from Maple Creek, Saskatchewan, in 1936.

After living on a big ranch of several sections of land, 2 1/2 acres must have seemed very small. There was plenty to do, however, with a cow, some chickens, a big garden, and lots of fruit trees. The climate and scenery seemed so wonderful, as well as all that could be grown here, as compared to the long, hard winter and frost of the Prairie.

The family attended Rosedale United Church services and Sunday School. Elizabeth Whitney was a charter member of the Rosedale Women's Institute. Tom and Elizabeth are both deceased.

Elizabeth's daughter, Gladys Dickinson, and husband Henry and family came out from Alberta in December 1944, and stayed in Rosedale until moving to Chilliwack in June 1945.

## THE WILLIAM WHYTE FAMILY

*by Vietta (Maguire) Whyte*

William Whyte was born in Scotland in 1905. He came to Canada in 1928. He spent the first six months in Saskatchewan, then moved on to British Columbia, settling at Chapman, B.C., where he worked on the section crew for the C.N.R.

This is where he met Vietta Maguire. They were married in 1930 and moved to Rosedale. The first home they lived in was her grandfather's home on Second Street, now known as 9605 Sache Street. In 1931 they bought 20 acres, part of the old James Muirhead farm and owned by Pat Muirhead at what is now 50941 Willbourn Road. They farmed there until 1972 selling to Pierre Sache.

Through the years they were blessed with four daughters and four sons. Walter (deceased), Norman, William Jr. and Donald, Mary, Lorna, Evelyn and Shirley.

*Vietta and Bill Whyte.*



On their retirement from farming they moved to Chilliwack. Bill passed away in 1985 and Vietta returned to Rosedale to live with her son Donald and family.

## EDWARD WILLBOURN

*by Sandra (Willbourn) Hickman*

Edward Willbourn emigrated to Canada from England prior to the First Great War. He spent his first year in Canada working on an apple orchard in Grimsby, Ontario. He then moved west and became known as an "Edenbank Boy" as he was given his first home and introduction to the Fraser Valley at the Edenbank Farm of the A.C. Wells family in Sardis, B.C. Ed was only one of many "Green Englishmen" as they were familiarly known, perhaps with a little scorn, who made good in Canada and became one of the early settlers. He met his bride May Mower at the A.C. Wells farm, where her mother ran a boarding house. Following their marriage, Ed worked at the Coqualeetza School in Sardis and then on two Hop Farms in the Sardis area. In 1929 Ed and May settled on a 20 acre farm located just off Camp River road. His rather long driveway became known as Willbourn Road.

He was an active member of the Fraser Valley Milk Producers Co-operative and with his family were regular in attendance at Rosedale United Church. Mrs. Willbourn was active in the Camp River Women's Institute for many years. This Institute was responsible for obtaining and developing the well-known Camp River Swimming Pond and provided levelling of the shore and change and washrooms. It was a favourite recreation area for all Camp River and Rosedale families.

Two children were born of this marriage. The eldest daughter Mabel married William "Bill" Bustin and farmed for some years at 50964 Camp River Road. Mabel presently resides in Osooyos, B.C. They had two children - Edward "Ted" Bustin (deceased) and Marilyn Oliver of Orville, Washington, U.S.A.

A second child Ernest Edward was born in 1918 and married Dolly Brown. They farmed for many years at 790 McGrath Road North (presently known as "Corner's Pride Farm"). Ernie was well-known as a pioneer grower of green market corn and developed methods of cultivation and harvesting, and supplied much of the Vancouver Market.

Ernie and Dolly had two children - Ernest Dale

*Ernie Willbourn*



Willbourn presently residing in Surrey, B.C. and Sandra Hickman residing in Cassiar, B.C.

Ernie retired from farming due to ill health in 1968 and sold the farm to Roger Pentecost. The farm is presently owned by the Richard Muxlow family.

Ernie passed away in 1976 and his widow Dolly resides at White Rock, B.C.

## THE WINCOTTS

*by Alwyn Wincott*

Mr. and Mrs. George A. Wincott came to live on Pelly Road, Rosedale in 1925 from Glen Ewen, Saskatchewan. They were accompanied by their family, sons, George R. and Alwyn, and daughters Dorothy and Marguerite.

George attended Chilliwack High School and Alwyn travelled with his brother to attend Cheam Elementary School. Dorothy went to Rosedale School for one or two years in the senior grades. Marguerite attended Rosedale Elementary School for grades one to eight.

Alwyn married Doreen Wallace, he and his brother were poultry farmers at Ryder Lake.

Dorothy Wincott married a local young man, Fred Wolfe, who lived at 50230 Yale Road, just west of Annis Road.

Dorothy Wincott Wolfe died in 1979 and Marguerite (Mrs. George Bgress) resides in Tsawwassen, B.C. George Wincott died in 1987.

Alwyn and Doreen Wincott have a family of three daughters and one son. Kathleen and Tom Lucas of Ryder Lake, B.C.; Bess and Edward Ovington of Kamloops, B.C.; Jane and Mike Lambe of Williams Lake, B.C.; Alwyn and Diane Wincott of Summerland, B.C.

Alwyn and Doreen Wincott live in retirement at Sardis, B.C.

## NOT TO BE FORGOTTEN

*The following are names of families or individuals that no direct descendant was contacted or available. The contribution made by these people and their part in our community should not be forgotten.*

**Albert, P.:** was a resident of Popcum during the 1920's and 30's. Pete was a bachelor. He was associated with Bill Ennis and assisted with the Ennis Dance Hall. He has long since died.

**Allen, F. & W.:** There were at least four members of the family named Allen who homesteaded on the east side of Nixon Road in the first two decades of the 20th Century circa 1905-15. Municipal records show Francis and Wallace Allen on N.E. 1/4 Sec 22 Twp 29 - 160 acres, and S.E. 1/4 Sec 27 Twp - 120 acres.

Francis (Frank) and Wallace Allen with their mother, homesteaded together. The two young men worked out in the woods and on farms helping with seeding and harvesting. Walter recalls Mrs. Allen looking after the cows and doing the milking. She would have to look for the cows who wandered unfenced and would listen for the bells on the cows' necks to locate them. She also churned butter for trade at the Bartlett Brothers' store in Rosedale.

Elliot Allen, an uncle of Frank and Wallace, had a homestead on an adjoining quarter Section. He was a bachelor.

Besides the cows, it is known that a small flock of sheep were kept by the Allens. It is unfortunate that more is not known of these early pioneers whose name is commemorated by the road name Allen.

**Alsager:** Several years prior to 1920 a family by the surname of Alsager lived on the south side of Chilliwack Central Road at what is now 51108 Chilliwack Central.

The eldest of their three children was: son Lawrence, daughter, Pauline. A second son was born after the family left Rosedale. They moved to Milner, B.C. in 1921. Charlie Hockin and his family moved to the farm in the same year.

**Batstone, F.:** This respected couple, along with their daughters: Heather Anne, and Joan lived at 49810 Yale Road, just east of Upper Prairie in the 1930's on a 42 acre farm.

One daughter, Heather Ann is now Mrs. John Golding of Niagara Falls, Ontario.

Frank and his family were quiet living people and well thought of by their neighbours.

Mrs. Batstone had experience in Home Economics prior to her marriage. With this experience she developed a large clientele for her specialty products of home preserves and the unique Devonshire Cream. The trans-Canada highway passed their front door, so they stretched a banner across the road advertising Devonshire Cream.

When the war broke out in 1939, Frank Batstone reported for duty and served in the Canada war effort. The farm was sold about that time and the family moved

to Chilliwack.

**Brabazon, G.:** was a single man who served on the "hall board", sang in the United Church choir and worked on local farms around 1925-35.

**Britton, N.:** Norval and Lena Britton and their son Paul lived for some years in the 1930's at 10689 McGrath Road.

The family attended Rosedale United Church.

Paul Britton married Clara Gregory, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J.E. Gregory of Castleman Road, Rosedale. The couple moved to Alberta.

**Brown, R.:** Robert "Bob" Brown with his wife and two sons Robert and Roy lived on the south end of Gray Road circa 1919-20. Bob Brown was an employee of Patterson Sawmills.

**Bruce, J. & J.:** Two brothers, James Selkirk and John Bruce are listed in the 1891 census, as being 34 and 38 years of age respectively.

It was James S. Bruce who obtained the Crown Grant for the land where the village of Rosedale is now located.

**Carter, R.:** Ray and Nell Carter lived during the 1940's at 10859 McGrath road and later at 9810 Ford Road. The family of daughters, Donna and Myrna and son Arthur, attended Rosedale Elementary School. Art played Basketball for the Rosedale team coached by Ted Clegg.

The family attended the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. Mrs. Nell Carter was active in the Rosedale Women's Institute during the 1948 Flood Emergency.

The family left Rosedale, living in Sardis and Chilliwack before moving to Independence, Missouri. Ray and Nell Carter and daughter Myrna are now deceased.

**Chapman, C.:** Mr. and Mrs. Charles Chapman with their two sons, Roy and Percy, came to live at 51810 Nevin Road in the 1930's. The family operated a dairy farm and all attended Rosedale United Church.

The family have remained in the District and Roy and Percy operated the very successful Chapman auctioneering firm for many years. Mr. and Mrs. Chapman Sr. are both now deceased.

**Christie, D.:** Mr. Douglas C. Christie and his wife Elizabeth J. (Libby) lived at 9958 McGrath Road, in Rosedale. Mr. Christie was listed as a blacksmith in the 1895 census. Mrs. Christie (nee Bartlett) helped her brothers, Tom and Beattie, with the papering of the first store in the center of Rosedale. After the death of her sister, Mrs. Max Stevenson, Mrs. Christie raised her sister's daughter Libby. The family later moved to Washington state.

**Darough, N.:** Norman J. and Mary Darough lived at 51536 Old Yale Road, after coming from Alberta. They are best remembered as the generous people who held the mortgage on the Rosedale Community Hall from 1928 to 1942, when it was finally paid off.

The elder Daroughs were both killed in a car accident in the state of Washington.

A son, Neil Darough was a schoolteacher at Popcum from 1935 to 1942.

A second son, Archie Darough lived in Popcum about 1940, living on the J. Page place just below Bridal Falls. He later operated a plumbing shop in Chilliwack.

The directory of 1937 lists Miss Edith Darough as a pianist, and Arthur Darough as a student.

**Donaldson, T.:** A family by this name lived at the present address of 50380 Yale Road at the southwest corner of Yale and Annis Road. The Donaldsons came from England just after the 1st World War and lived here for about ten years.

The two children, Florence and Leo attended Rosedale Elementary School and Florence was a member of the choir of Rosedale Union Church. The family moved to Vancouver, but Leo returned to visit the Joe Andersons on several occasions.

**Draycott, T.:** In 1938 the Historic James Bradley home at 51098 Yale Road which had been built in 1911 was purchased by Mr. and Mrs. Bill Draycott from S.R. Heal. The land adjoining the home was in raspberries and a smaller lot on the south side of the CNR tracks was planted in rhubarb which was harvested for shipment to the prairies. This parcel was later purchased by G. Bryant.

Bill Draycott's parents Thomas and Sarah Draycott came to Rosedale to live in retirement. They first lived in a little house on the farm at 51088 Yale Road and later built a home at 51066 Yale. Mr. and Mrs. Draycott were active members of St. Peter's Anglican Church and Sarah Draycott belonged to Rosedale Women's Institute. Besides their son Bill, Mr. and Mrs. Draycott had a second son Tom and daughters Anne and Margaret. Miss Anne Draycott was a frequent visitor to Rosedale, while working as a nurse. Miss Anne Draycott died in January 1959 and is buried in the Anglican cemetery, Chilliwack, B.C.

For several years Rose Draycott operated the big house with the help of Jenny Pehota as a boarding home for loggers employed by Coast Logging Ltd.

Thomas Draycott died on March 24th, 1956 and Mrs. Sarah Draycott died on Feb. 12th, 1964. Both are buried in the Anglican Cemetery, Chilliwack, B.C.

Following the death of her husband Bill, Mrs. Rose Draycott remarried and is now Mrs. McAdam and resides at Eden Rest Home, Chilliwack, B.C.

**Gardner, C.:** Captain Charles Gardner 1860-1948 was a captain on the riverboats that plied the Skeena and Fraser rivers in the days of the paddlewheelers. In 1928 he lived for a time on the place at the southeast corner of Castleman and McLeod Roads. Married three times, Charles Gardner and his second wife the former E. Garner had daughters May, Minnie, and Anne and two sons Herb and Robert Craig Gardner.

Charles had a son, Joe from his first marriage who grew up with the other children. Members of this family have lived in the area to the present.

Captain Charles Gardner is buried in New Westminster, B.C.

**Getty, G.:** Mr. and Mrs. George Getty moved to 10711 Chapman Road about 1918. They bought 37 acres from Harry Cooper who sold part of his 80 acre farm to them. This farm was later sold to the Corderoy family, while Mr. and Mrs. Getty moved to a smaller farm on the corner of Chapman and Camp River roads. They had seven children: Marlow - lived in Vernon; Mary (Mrs. P. Hamilton); Martha - married William (Bill) Muir and their son, Roger, still farms the original Muir farm, which was next door to his grandfather Getty's farm; Lucy - married Charles Best; Phil - died of the flu in 1918; Helen - lived in the United States; and George Jr. - lived with his mother for a few years then moved to Ontario. George Robert Getty died January 4, 1935, and Emma S. Getty, June 9, 1939.

**Glanville, R.:** Mr. and Mrs. Robert Glanville lived in Rosedale in a home that had been renovated from a store on the east side of Munro Avenue and north of Muirhead street. From 1910-1913 Mr. Glanville operated the Rosedale Blacksmith Shop which was just north of their home. There were three children in the Glanville family; daughters Clarice and Doris and son Reg. The family were active in the young community and the children attended Rosedale Elementary School. Robert Glanville was a member of the Volunteer Fire Brigade. In 1913 the Blacksmith Shop was sold to Thomas Grant and the Glanville family moved to Vancouver.

**Goodwin, A.:** Arthur and Marie Goodwin and family lived at 51265 Sache St. during the 1930's. The family attended the United Church, Marie was a ZWI group member and Art helped with the Boys' groups and taught signalling. One of their sons was helped to get treatment at the Queen Alexandria Hospital for Crippled Children in Victoria by the Women's Institute.

**Harmon, C.J.:** lived with his wife and children in Rosedale in the early years of this century. The tax rolls of 1912 show him to be the owner of 97.6 acres in the S.E. quarter, section 5, Township 30 and 6.14 acres in Lot 435. This was in the southeast area of the village of Rosedale. The Chilliwack Progress of March 22, 1911 reports an incident as follows: Chris Harmon and William Braithwaite were coming home from Chilliwack on Yale Road after dark. A falling tree separated the horse from the carriage without injury to horse or occupants.

**Hart, B.:** Bill Hart lived on the Yale Wagon Road at Cheam View in the vicinity of Peter's Road circa 1915-20. He was a familiar figure, well-known to many.

**Henderson, A.:** Alex Henderson, a single man of Scottish birth, was an employee of Baxter Anderson on the farm, coming here from Ontario circa 1937. He later leased the Anderson farm. While living here, Alex was active in the Young People's Society of Rosedale United Church.

He left Rosedale about 1941 and enlisted in the Army.

He later married and it is interesting to note that his wife visited Rosedale some years later after Alex's death to see the farm and area that she had been told many nice things about.

**Hickey, J.:** was a single man who was well-known in the Rosedale area between the years of 1910-1915. It is known that he was a partner with Gordon Bartlett in the poolroom-confectionary business in 1911. He also worked on the local railway section gang and lived with the Charles Munro family. In 1915 he left Rosedale to return to his home near Montreal, Quebec.

**Higgins, N.:** Neil and Ida Higgins, with their two children, Archie and Margaret, came to Rosedale about 1920 from Nova Scotia. They lived at 9558 McGrath Road. Son Jack was born in Rosedale. The children attended school in Rosedale. Ida, daughter of the Edgar Archibald's, was the organist at the United Church. They moved to White Rock in the mid 1930's.

**Inions, E.:** came to 48844 Camp River Road about 1910 and left in 1924. This property is now owned by the Haas Hop yards. His son, Tom, was the catcher on the Rosedale Athletic Club Baseball Team 1910-1918. Brother Brian married Beatrice Muirhead.

**Jacobson, J.:** A single man of Scandinavian birth, he farmed the place John Clegg now has at 9008 McElwee Road. After John bought the farm, Jacobson moved on to another farm at 8900 Ford Road.

**Kellman, R.J.:** Little is known about the R.J. Kellman family. The two sons, Grant and Douglas went to Camp River School about 1918. They lived at 49680 Camp River Road.

**Kennett, J.:** Mr. and Mrs. James Kennett moved to Popcum in the 1930's to a piece of property which is now 52905 Yale Road East, the corner of Yale Road East and No. 9 Highway. Mr. Kennett was a carpenter. He built his own house and then helped build the Bridal Veil Falls Chalet along with Bill Bond Sr. and Jim Page. They had two children, Patricia and Jimmy, who attended Popcum school. Pat graduated from Chilliwack High School and went on to University. Mr. and Mrs. Kennett and Jimmy moved back to Victoria in the 1940's. Mr. Kennett passed away in Victoria, and Mrs. Kennett in California in 1971. Pat moved to Ontario after graduating from UBC, married, and her husband's employment has allowed them to travel and live in Manila and England. They have retired now and live in Ottawa. They have three children and two grandchildren.

Jimmy went to University in Seattle and became a high school teacher there. He is married and has two children and one grandchild. He was to retire in 1987.

**Lambin, C.:** Charles Lambin lived in a small store, with gas pumps on the riverbank, just west of Annis Road. He was a very friendly man and his gardens were admired by all who passed by. Do you remember that, it is hard to believe now?

**Lane, Wm.:** Mr. and Mrs. William Lane lived at 50564 Castleman Road, at the southeast corner of Castleman and Chapman Roads, in the years 1935-1940. They had two children: Harry and Mary.

Harry worked as a hired man for Robert Aitken, a close neighbour, when he was about 20. He was active in the Young People's Group of the Rosedale United Church.

Harry served in the 2nd world war and was decorated for bravery in the battle of Italy. He returned after the war and visited his old neighbours.

Mary became a secretary.

Mr. Lane and Mary moved to Vancouver after the death of Mrs. Lane. William Lane is now deceased.

**Logan, T.:** Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Logan came to live at 50564 Castleman Road about 1925, from Zealandia, Saskatchewan. They had three sons: Clifford, Roy (was killed overseas in the 1914-18 War), and Gordon. They lived here until about 1936, then moved to a place between Abbotsford and Langley. Clifford was married and lived in Vancouver. He had two sons. Gordon married and moved to Victoria.

**McKeever, G.:** Mr. and Mrs. McKeever purchased 25 acres of the Wm. Holt property - the quarter section south of the Chilliwack Central Road (50942) and adjoining the Brannick property on the east side. Mrs. McKeever was a sister to Wm. Holt. They moved away in 1895 (approximate date). The property was rented to various people until it was purchased from Robert King by Abe Patterson in 1913. (From - History of East Chilliwack by Mary Hickman).

An item from the 1891 census follows:-

McKeever, George, age - 38

Sarah, age - 30

Mary J., age - 14

Catherine T., age - 10

George B., age - 7

**Macken, R.T.:** Reginald Thorton Macken, a brother of W.L. and J.H. Macken was believed to have been associated with his brothers in the lumber milling business. He came from Forest, Ontario about 1900.

He volunteered for active service and was wounded in action on April 27, 1916. He returned to duty and was killed on June 20, 1918. His name is on the Honour Roll in Rosedale United Church.

**Malcolm, A.:** Mr. and Mrs. Archie Malcolm and son Peter, and daughter Gertrude Kingston lived on 80 acres at the northwest corner of Chilliwack Central and Ford Roads. The Malcolms were staunch Presbyterians.

Archie Malcolm was a milk hauler to the Chilliwack Creamery by team and wagon. It is reported that the team knew the route so well, that Archie often slept much of the way.

Archie Malcolm sold 70 acres to Charles Johnston and 10 acres to Adolph Peterson, who developed a poultry and fruit farm at 51075 Chilliwack Central Road.

**Myers, A.:** Austin lived at 10484 McGrath Road North in the 1930's where he had a fruit and vegetable farm. He also worked for different farmers. Austin was deaf. He visited Baxter Anderson who was hard of hearing. The two would communicate by means of lip reading and sign language.

**Newhouse, G.:** George Newhouse was travelling with a covered wagon from Hartford, Connecticut, bound for the Peace River in 1908, when he decided to homestead in Heinsburg, Alberta. He met Miss Opal Resler and they were married in 1934. Four children were born during the years 1935 to 1943: Audrey, Hilda, Louise and Richard. To subsidize his meagre income from his homestead he also trapped. As Heinsburg was a very dry area, George decided on the Fraser Valley because of the heavy rainfall. After the war, on August 25, 1945, they moved to Popcum, by steam locomotive, and bought the Bond place on the corner of Yale and Gray Roads.

He worked at the mill for Coast Logging until he was 70 years of age. He loved his garden and kept a milk cow for his growing family. Audrey and Hilda attended Popcum School until it closed, then all four children were bussed to Rosedale Elementary School. After graduating from Chilliwack Senior High School, Audrey is the only one who remained in this area, the others are in different parts of Canada.

Audrey remembers her teacher, Mrs. Alonzo Grigg very well. The stories she read to the class left an impression on her. She also took her turn as janitor at Popcum School. She had never had so much money as the \$9.00 a month she received for this job.

Audrey remembers when electricity came to their house in 1948, and that her Dad was the first to pay for his house number, 947, (now 53004,) Yale Road East.

George passed away in 1961 and Opal in 1987.

**Norris, J.:** Mr. and Mrs. James Norris came to live at 49680 Camp River Road in 1921. They bought the farm of 21 acres from R.J. Kellman. They had one daughter, Elsie and one adopted son, who died in 1946. They left the farm in 1951 and moved to 50548 Yale Rd. Rosedale. Mr. and Mrs. Norris are deceased, but Elsie still lives there.

**Odell, S.:** Sam and Kathleen Odell lived in the big house (the old Anderson place) at the south end of Thompson road in Popcum during the late 1930's. Their children were Arnold, Frank, Fanny and Irene. Frank and Fanny went to Popcum school. Frank was in the same grade as Mary Ludchak, and they were always competing for the most A's in their report cards. Fanny and Irene were tiny, little girls who always had their long, brown hair done in perfect ringlets.

The family moved to a house midway to Chilliwack, and the first summer there, Frank drowned in the slough just back of their house. The family later lived in Sardis, B.C. In 1988 Irene (Odell) Martin resides in Delta, B.C.

**Page, J.:** Mr. and Mrs. James Page were active members of the Popcum community in the 1920's and 30's. They lived near the bottom of Bridal Veil Falls on

the old Yale Road.

Jim Page worked on the construction of the Bridal Falls Chalet buildings.

**Pratt, F.:** Fletcher Horace and Annie M. Pratt lived at the southeast corner of Muirhead and Munro Streets.

Mr. Pratt worked on construction of the first phase of the Rosedale Fire Hall, in the 1950's.

Fletcher H. Pratt passed away April 15, 1955.

**Reboul, L.:** Leon's family owned 20 acres of Lot 427 situated on the west side of McGrath Road North in 1925. His sister was Mrs. Alex Karr of Rosedale. In 1927 the farm was sold to James Dougherty of Popcum.

**Renz, F.:** Mr. and Mrs. Fred Renz bought a small five acre farm on Castleman Road from a Mr. Martin, in 1937. Their son Dick Renz still lives there: - 49645 Castleman Road. The names of their children were:-

Albert - killed in World War II, while serving with the Canadian Scottish regiment in Italy.

Fred - killed in a motorcycle accident.

Dick - married Mildred Hamilton, daughter of Clarence Hamilton, a pioneer of Camp Slough.

Vera - married Bud Noel and lived in the Popcum - Rosedale area.

Julia - married George de Koning. They farmed at 49585 Camp River Road. Now reside in Chilliwack.

Eric - present whereabouts unknown.

Ida - married Otto Engle and lived on Castleman Road.

Another daughter remained in Alberta.

**Ronksley, A.B.:** Mr. and Mrs. Ronksley lived at 48439 Camp River Road. Mrs. Ronksley was active in St. James Anglican Church and played the piano at numerous functions in the Camp River Hall. They lived on Camp River Road in the early years of this century, leaving about 1920.

**Ruddock, R.F.:** It is known that R.F. (Dick) Ruddock was a young English man who received funds from his family in England. Dick Ruddock homesteaded in the Nixon Hill area in the period 1905-1914. He enlisted in the Canadian Army and was killed in active service in World War I. Access to the homestead was by way of a trail that followed up Jack Ford creek. In 1988 a road off of Nixon road gives access to this property and is called Ruddock road in honour of this pioneer who gave his life for his adopted land.

**Russell, J.:** From the writings of Mary Brannick Hickman, we learn that Mr. and Mrs. John Russell moved from East Chilliwack in the early years of this century to live on McGrath Road just north of the elementary school.

**Schmunk, G.:** Gus and family lived on Windermere Island in the 1930's. Gus was a laborer. He cut cordwood for George Bryant.

**Scoffin, G.:** Mentioned in the Rosedale fire protection by-law of 1911 as one of those in the protected area.

**Shelton, A.:** Mr. and Mrs. A. Shelton came to live on the corner of Castleman Road and McConnell Road in 1924. Mr. Shelton was a conductor on the C.N.R. for years before retiring to Castleman road and a small farm.

He originally came from the States as a young man.

They had one daughter, Agnes who married Tommy Cooper in 1939.

Mr. and Mrs. Shelton moved to California soon after.

Mrs. Shelton died there and Mr. Shelton came up to Chilliwack after that and spent his last days here in Chilliwack.

**Siler, C.H.:** Mr. Siler lived on Camp River Road in 1915. This property is now 50318 Camp River Road. They had three daughters: Mildred, Dorothy and Marjory. Mr. Siler's barn burned to the ground along with two horses during his stay on this property. Mr. Siler sold his land to a Mr. Geo. Eyer in 1920.

**Solomon, Wm.:** was born in England about 1835. He owned 80 acres on the southeast corner of Nevin and McElwee Roads, now 51756 Nevin Road. Jessie, Josie and Jimmy went to school prior to 1910. There were several more children. The Solomon house was a meeting place since Mrs. Solomon was such a nice lady. This property was sold to W.J. Thompson about 1907.

**Sowerby, J.:** John Sowerby was Isabel Kormendy's uncle. He worked for the B.C. Telephone Co. In 1906 B.C. Telephone established a camp near the CNR railroad in Rosedale and he and his crew put up the first telegraph lines along the CNR railway from Chilliwack to Hope.

The mosquitoes were so bad that they had two crews working. One crew worked here for a week while the other was in Vancouver, then they changed about.

After this job was finished he was transferred to another job and established his residence in Vancouver.

**Spence, H.L.:** Mr. and Mrs. H.L. Spence moved to Rosedale in 1933 from Maidstone, Saskatchewan, with three sons: Arlo, Dale and Royce. They rented a house while they constructed a small confectionery on Yale Road, across from the Community Hall.

Arlo and Dale took an active part in all sports. Royce was ten years younger.

In 1936 they sold out and moved to Hythe, Alberta. Mr. Spence now lives in Ponoka, Alberta, and is 92 years of age. Mrs. Spence passed away in 1975. Arlo and Royce live in Chilliwack, Dale is in Marwayne, Alberta.

**Springay, C.:** Cecil married Clara Bustin, widow of Syd Bustin, and the couple lived for some years at 9844 Ford Road. Cecil was a general labourer. In later years they moved to Nixon Hill where they worked together in clearing the property and building a home. In later years Cecil and Clara were a familiar sight as they walked home from the bus in Rosedale, as Cecil didn't drive a car. Both are now deceased.

**Stringer, H.E.:** The H.E. Stringer family lived at 50910 Yale Road. This farm acreage was severed by the C.N.R. and had a connecting tunnel for cattle to cross under the tracks. The 1925 Tax rolls show H.E. Stringer as owner of 24 acres in Lot 451. Two sons, Rob and Arthur, attended Rosedale Elementary School. Mrs. Stringer was a much loved Sunday School Teacher at the United Church.

Also, George Stringer purchased a lot in the village from John Braithwaite in 1918. The Stringer family left Rosedale circa 1935 to homestead in the Peace River area. Bill McCormick recalls meeting Bob Stringer in the services during the second World War.

**Suzuki:** Mr. and Mrs. Suzuki moved into the Wooldridge farm at Popcum in the 1930's. Mr. Suzuki logged and cut wood on the property. During the last war Mr. and Mrs. Suzuki and their 3 sons moved to Alberta. The 3 boys eventually made their way to Edmonton.

**Swingle, O.:** Mr. and Mrs. Orrin Russell Swingle and son Orville came from Alberta to live at 10333 McGrath Road in the early 1920's. For the senior Swingles it was semi-retirement.

Mr. O.R. Swingle died in 1931 and is buried in the I.O.O.F. Cemetery, Chilliwack, B.C. Mrs. Laura Swingle attended Rosedale United Church and was active in the Ladies Aid and Women's Missionary Society. Both Laura and Orville Swingle are now deceased.

**Thompson, A.:** Alex was a bachelor who moved to this area prior to 1920. He was the original owner of the W. Rutley property. Alex sold his property to Mr. and Mrs. Simoens, senior.

**Thorburn, R.:** is known to have owned 70 acres of land on the north side of Camp Slough adjacent to McGrath Road north. There was a river landing in this area known as Greyell's Landing which was adjacent to the Thorburn property. In the 1891 census, Robert, who was born in Scotland, and his wife Janet, were recorded as being fifty years of age with sons: William M. 28 years, Robert 18 years, George 16 years and daughter Jessie E., 12 years old.

**Till, P.:** purchased a lot from John Braithwaite in 1910. During the 1914-1918 War he operated the Rosedale poolroom in the absence of John Love and Frank Kerr who were away on military active service. Later Percy operated a barber shop at Vedder Crossing for several years.

**Towner, F.:** During the 1930's Mr. and Mrs. Fred Towner resided at 51270 Muirhead Street. Mr. Towner was a general laborer and it is remembered that he did a great deal of tree pruning following the big ice storm in the spring of 1935.

**Traverse, A.L.:** Mr. Traverse operated a meat market in Rosedale in the early years of this century. In 1908 he sold the meat market to Clem Thompson of Indian Head, Saskatchewan. Traverse was also an auctioneer and in

June 1910 he opened a real estate office in partnership with H. Baldwin in Rosedale. In 1911, after four years in Rosedale he sold the property at the northwest corner of Old Yale and Bustin Roads to John Martin of Ontario.

**Urquhart, J.:** Mr. and Mrs. John Urquhart lived at 50761 Castleman Road about 1918-1920. They came from Scotland. Mrs. Urquhart had been a nurse in England and received honorable mention from the Queen for her wartime service. They left Rosedale to return to Britain to live.

**Wilson, H.:** Harold Wilson worked on the Colony Farm at Essondale, B.C. before coming to work at N. Ryder's farm in the late 1920's. At one time he lived in a cabin on the southeast corner of Ford Road and Chilliwack Central Road. Mr. Wilson worked for George Bryant cutting cordwood and shingle bolts.

After corresponding for some time with a lady from Scotland, she finally arrived and they were married January 1st, 1935. The marriage ceremony was performed by Reverend Turpin at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Sharpe.

Mr. Wilson passed away in the early 1940's.

**Woolridge, A.:** Mr. and Mrs. Woolridge built a home on the east side of Gray Road circa 1916. This was homestead property and they obtained a crown grant in 1921.



*Clarice Glanville and Irene Kerr with friends.*



*Arthur Bennett and his sisters, Annie and Alice, Mrs. Glanville, Miss Violet Close.*

*Sarah and Thomas Draycott and granddaughter.*



*Back row, l-r: Pat Kennett holding Patti Dennis, ?, Mary Luchak holding her sister, Anne. Middle row: Eleanor Cave, Eddie Dennis, Jimmy Kennett. Front row: ?, Vernon Dennis.*



## ROSEDALE AND POPCUM THROUGH THE YEARS



Scything hay on the Max Stevenson farm, 1915. L-r: Baxter Anderson, Secord Stevenson, Bert Smale, Les Martin, Stinson Mercer, and James Nelson. Bob Mercer on top of the wagon.



Tug boats on the Fraser River.

Limestone products sold by the sack.



1926 Logging truck.



Dragline at Popkum Lake. (Cheam Marl Products).





*Elizabeth and Jim Page, 1944.*



*Back row, l-r: Archie Sinton, Irma Sturdevant, Mabel Karr, Ed Sturdevant. Middle row: Ed Lewis? Bill Ennis, Louis Bessette. Front row: Laura Bessette, Mrs. Sturdevant, Mrs. Ed Lewis? Picture taken at the logging camp cook house, where Mr. and Mrs. Sturdevant lived for one year. Mr. Sturdevant was the Donkey Engineer and Mrs. Sturdevant was the cook.*



*Mrs. Stringer (centre) and Sunday School class late 1920's. L-r: Myrtle Drinkwater, Evelyn Hughes, Margaret Higgins, Annie Sliven, Ardell Ryder, Taka Kojima.*

*"The Village Smithy" at Popcum, 1905.*



*Tommy Peterson, Dick Toews, Gus Hausler, Ronnie Archibald, Mel Peterson, 1936, at the Hausler house at Popcum.*



*CNR Station at Cheam View in the 1930's.*



*Jennie (Hamilton) and Isaac Kerr with their son Isaac about 1906.*



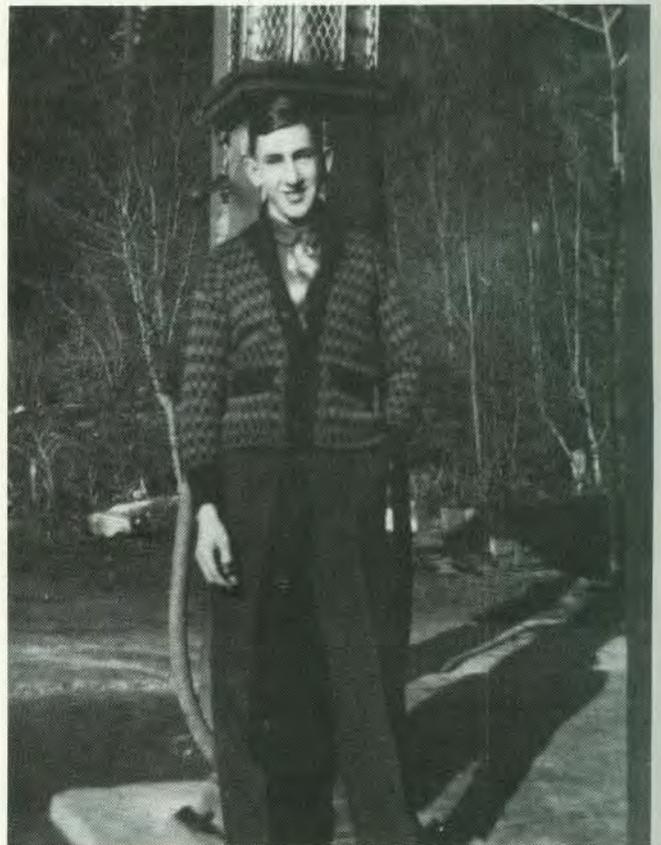
*Pete and Ira Anderson at Popcum Lake, January 1925.*



*Herb Brush with reindeers and sleigh he made for a Christmas Concert about 1932.*



*Sam Henderson.*



*Wallace Somers at 16 years of age in front of gas pump.*



*Climbers ready to climb Mount Cheam, September 1921. L-r: Leon Chevalley, Art Menzies, Warner Lobb, ---, Sid Martin, Earle Archibald, J.D. Siddons, Frank Kerr, Percy Till.*



*In the valley between Lady Peak and Mount Cheam*



*On the summit of Mount Cheam, July 31, 1925. Hugh Thompson standing. L-r: Gordon Brabazon, Gordon Thompson, Howard MacGregor and Ronald MacGregor.*



*Climbing Mount Cheam.*



*On Cheam Peak 1933. L-r: Ken Jameson, Archie Annis, Marge Davis, Raymond Annis with Maynard Reid in front, Elsie Davis, Marge Hockin and Marvin Reid in front*



*Bridal Veil Falls.*



*The barn that Ace Bond built which is still being used at Minter's Gardens.*



*Transportation to and from Herrling Island.*



*The first cabin built at Bridal Falls Lodge, 1934.*

*Below: Remember the Butterfly?*





*Tuesday, June 1, 1948. The 1948 Flood. Crews work day and night to build up Rosedale dyke. A continuous line of trucks jarred over the dyke to supply workmen with gravel for sandbags.*



*Water alongside the Rosedale dyke. All farm lands outside dyke have been flooded but dykes like these, reinforced by sandbags, kept all but the seepage water out of the fields.*