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Although there are no Belleys living in the Clearwater area at this time, we decided to share a little of our history. Our generation will see the last of the Belley family, as there is no one left to carry on the family name.

My grandfather, Thomas Louis David Belley, was probably just as formidable as his name. Although I never knew him, his bearded photos command respect. He came out West in 1905 from the Lac St. Jean region in Quebec. The farm he chose lay on the Northeast side of The Blackmud (Saunders Lake). The farm was originally homesteaded by a fellow called Chouinard, from Montana. In 1908, my grandmother, Mary Fox, left St. Prime to join grandpa. The family consisted of 3 boys and 6 girls. My aunty Simone was 1 month old at the time and my father, Tom, was 3 1/2.

My dad married Sylvia Inez Dearduff from Leduc. Five years later, in 1942, I was born and little Sylvia came along in 1949. Growing up on the "Blackmud" was great. Here are some memories we'd like to share:

- Grandma Belley unwinding her "bun" and brushing her long silver hair.
- The smell of cookies baking in Mrs. Muir's kitchen.
- The helping hands of our neighbours, the Brassards.
- My sister, who couldn't speak French, having a great time with the Maltais kids, who couldn't speak English!!!!
- Following cow trails through the bushes of the creek; one minute hot, one minute cold as you skipped through the maze of sunlight and shadow overhead.
- The newly frozen black ice that cracked and snapped as you glided along on skates just as far as your lungs would take you.
- The deep sadness of hearing hunters calling for *Help* - Help came too late. Two more victims of the "Blackmud."
- The privilege of "holding the tail" while dad skinned his muskrats.
- The refreshing boat rides along the lake after a long day in the fields.
- Tommy Fallows, a neighbor and war veteran. He taught me how to paint.

During the 50's, I remember my dad and his brother Marcel and family milking huge black and white Holsteins. They had a fine herd of dairy cattle and shipped cream to Edmonton City Dairy.

They also grew wheat and other crops. I also remember turkeys, hens and hogs. Once we had a pet piglet that used to come to the house. He'd click and tap his little hoofs and dance around on the porch. Gramma Belley stayed on the farm till she was hospitalized. She died in 1959, the year I married Henri Rivard from Beaumont.

My dad sold Gramma's farm in November, 1957, to Arthur Voice. Marcel had sold his farm to the Tweddles in 1955. Mom died in 1980 and Dad still lives in Leduc. He is the last of the Belleys, along with my cousin Morris, his mother Noraedna and his wife Denise.

6BÉRUBÉ, Alcide
SOUCY, Emma
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Born on January 9, 1882, in St-Pierre-Baptiste, Alcide went to the village school. Letters from Pierre made him decide to go West in 1902. Once in Strathcona, he walked over to his brother Pierre's, with whom he formed a partnership. Their first job was to install a telephone line between Leduc and Beaumont, and then from Edmonton to Fort Saskatchewan. Alcide then went to Fernie, B.C., in the lumber mills and finally landed in San Diego.

Before leaving, he bought the northeast quarter of section 28 from George Tibbett. Once back, he and Pierre left to visit their parents in St-Pierre-Baptiste. Alcide met Emma Soucy, a teacher of the village school and they married on January 8, 1907.

Alcide built a store across the street from the church and moved in it in 1911. Meanwhile, he sold large quantities of hay to Fort Edmonton for the 200 horses of the Mounted Police. In 1917, he moved to Lac La Biche, where he built a store. In 1919, he lost \$60,000 worth of buildings and merchandise in a forest fire that burnt the whole town. He rebuilt, but in a short while, he was in Grande Prairie to open another store. Back again in Lac La Biche during the depression, he closed his store to buy a farm from Mr. Tobin in Leduc where he settled his son Bertrand, and again returned to Lac La Biche. In 1940, he decided to try his luck in Fort McMurray as a fur trader. In 1944, he sold his properties and headed back to San Diego, 40 years after his first visit.

In 1948, he opened a store in Athabasca. He died there on March 7, 1960, and he was buried in Beaumont. His wife passed away in 1937 in Leduc and was also buried in Beaumont. The oldest of the family, Roland was born on November 3, 1909, and was ordained priest on April 23, 1933. He celebrated his 50th anniversary of priesthood on April 23, 1983. Lorenzo and Gaétane died in infancy.

Bertrand, born January 1, 1916, started school at the Lac La Biche Mission and finished his commercial course at the Jesuit College. He bought his father's farm in Leduc. On November 12, 1945, he married Margaret McInnis. In 1961, he sold his farm to Chase and Harriman Co. of New York and continued to manage the business. In 1969, he moved into a new house in Leduc.

He was councillor for the Town of Leduc for ten years. Marcelle was born on January 1, 1921, in Grande Prairie. After her mother's death, she moved from her brother's place to Edmonton. Later on, she moved to White Rock, B.C. Being of frail health, she passed away on April 9, 1958, and was buried in Beaumont.

BÉRUBÉ, Anicet
ROBERGE, Elizabeth
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Anicet was born in 1842 at St. André Kamouraska, P.Q. He was the son of Aristobule Bérubé and Emérentienne Gagné. He married Elizabeth Roberge at St. Sophie, P.Q., on November 16, 1875. Six children were born of this union: Emma, Délima, Napoléon, Louise, Lucie and Joseph.



Anicet and his family arrived in Beaumont in 1895 and settled one mile south of Beaumont on a farm purchased from Edouard Côté. He later bought a quarter section west of the village, which he later sold to Pierre Bérubé. One of the first pioneers of Beaumont, Anicet was instrumental in getting many more settlers to Beaumont such as Pierre Bérubé, the Gagnons, Demers, Fouquets and others. Anicet died in 1910. His wife, Elizabeth, lived in the village of Beaumont until her death in 1932.

BÉRUBÉ, Pierre
BÉRUBÉ, Emma
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Pierre, son of Aristobule Bérubé and Marie Lambert, was born at St-Pierre Baptiste, Québec, on July 28, 1877. He arrived in Beaumont on April 10, 1899, and bought a quarter section of land from Anicet Bérubé. Pierre married Anicet's daughter, Emma, on January 29, 1900. Pierre had borrowed \$50 to pay his wedding expenses. In 1905, he moved to South Edmonton where he built a house, a restaurant and a livery stable, "White Star Livery Stable".



In 1909, he bought a quarter section of land from Mr. Saunders, one mile north of Beaumont. After selling his restaurant, house and stable in the city, he bought another quarter section, next to the first one. In 1912, he built a new house for his large family. Being very enterprising, Pierre helped his brothers and sisters to settle around Beaumont. Throughout his life, Pierre bought and sold up to 67 quarter-sections of land. He raised horses and foxes. He also started a big dairy business to provide his 11 sons with work.

Pierre's wife, Emma, raised 19 children. Still, people were always warmly received in her home. She also found time to assist neighbors in need. She died on October 11, 1957, at the age of 79. In 1958, Pierre married Françoise Fontaine-Leblanc. He retired in 1963 after suffering a heart attack. He had spent 64 years on his farm in Beaumont. He died on April 8, 1971, at the age of 93.

His children are: Alouisia (see DANSEREAU, Léopold); Arcade born on June 13, 1902, died at three months; Eric (see BÉRUBÉ, Eric); Wilfrid, born on September 30, 1904, married Irène Maltais and had four children: Roméo, Vincent, Clément and Laurence. Wilfrid died in 1981 and was predeceased by his wife. Henri, born on March 10, 1906, died at the age of three. Léo, born on June 6, 1907, married Palmière Vanzieleghe and had four children: Elaire, Maurice, Rosanne and Elaine. Leo passed away in 1975 St. Albert, born on February 13, 1909, died at the age of six. Armand (see BERUBE, Armand); Alfred, born on August 1, 1911, married Lillie Albert on May 12, 1938. They had four daughters: Laurette, Jeannette, Emelie and Dianne. Alma (see GOUDREAU, Emile); Rémi (see BERUBE, Rémi), Adrien (see BERUBE, Adrien); Alexandre (see BERUBE, Alexandre); Lucien, born on January 30, 1918, farmed for a number of years near Beaumont. Victor, born on April 15, 1919, married Juliette Lambert in 1946, and farmed near Beaumont for a number of years before moving to Edmonton. They had nine children: Thomas, Charles, Marcel, Glorienne, Jacqueline, Antoinette, Lina, Paulette and Cécile. Marie-Ange, born on August 9, 1920, married André Fontaine. They farmed in the Beaumont area for a number of years and now live in Armstrong, B.C. They have eight children: Maurice, Roland, Madeleine, Bernadette, Cécile, Simone, Louise and Rita. Yvonne, born on January 15, 1922, married Malcolm Cameron. They had six children: David, Henry, Ronald, Eric, Bryan and Lorraine. Joseph (see BERUBE, Joseph); Florence, born on February 17, 1925, married Richard Vallée; they had three children: Ronald, Henri and Joanne. Florence is remarried to John List.

BILODEAU, Georges
PÉLERIN, Florida
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Georges was born in 1850 in Ste-Marie-de-Beauce in Québec. Florida Pélerin was born in 1861 at St-Evariste-de-Beauce in Québec. The two were married in 1878. Eight children were born in Québec. The family immigrated to Alberta. The last child was born in Alberta, where the family established itself in the Mill Creek area of Edmonton. In 1906, a homestead was bought for \$10.00, six miles from the village of Beaumont. The whole family, which now included Thomas, Adolphe, Amanda, Joséphine, Théophile, Edgar, Alexandre, Lucie and Clara, lived in a log cabin.



The farm was profitable for the family and soon, machinery replaced the work done by the oxen and horses. Alexandre purchased the property when he returned from the war and the family moved to newly purchased land south of the church. Georges passed away in 1921 and Florida joined him in 1944.

BILSBORROW, Nicholas
STEPHENSON, Isabel
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Nicholas and Isabel Bilsborrow immigrated from Lancashire County, England, with 2 children, in 1904. They settled on a farm in the Looma area from where they attended Beaumont Church. After two or three moves to different locations (in the Beaumont-Clearwater district), they settled on the Blackmud Ranch in 1909. Along with his family, Mr. Bilsborrow developed the ranch to a total of 960 acres. The pride of the Bilsborrow family was their many purebred Belgian horses. The horses were shown at Edmonton Exhibitions, winning for the family numerous ribbons and prizes. Many people will remember Mr. Bilsborrow leading his prized stallions throughout the countryside to service local mares.



Besides his busy schedule on the ranch, Mr. Bilsborrow as a self-learned veterinarian, still found time to help his many friends and neighbors with their sick animals. Nicholas died after a lengthy illness at the age of 56 in November, 1928. Isabel continued to live on the ranch until her death in February of 1962 at the age of 84.

Their 12 children are:

Edward (deceased 1974) married in 1936 to Diana Hinse (deceased 1951). Children: Dolores, Donald, Bernice, Maurice. Remarried Claire Paradis. Children: Carole. May - Married in 1936 to John Malloy (deceased 1963). Children: Isabel, Jack, Gordon. Winnie - Married in 1936 to Gerard Soucy (deceased 1973). Children: Joan and Edward, Eric - Deceased 1969. Kathleen - Married in 1934 to Stanley Sunley. Children: Arthur, Marie, Jim and John, Frank - Killed in active service, Second World War, 1943, and buried in Soldiers' Plot of Brookwood Cemetery, England. Isabel - Married in 1936 to Alfred (Happy) Richardson. Children: Maureen, Beverly, Joan and Frank. George - Married in 1945 to Dorothy Inkster. Children: Judy, Jim, Barbara, Sharen, Kathy, Sandy and

Ramona. Clifford - Married in 1941 to Jeannette Royer. Children: Madonna, Dennis, Richard, Wayne, Dale, Elaine, Brian, Valerie, Perry, Debrah and Paulette. Maurice. Muriel - Deceased 1976 - Married in 1939 to John Mullen. Children: George, Doug, Bill, Ken, Jacky and Jerry. Nora - Married in 1947 to Gordon Gaetz. Children: Robert, Geoffery and Kevin.

BRASSARD, Alexandre
BERGERON, Louise
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The Brassard family originated from Breton, France. Alexandre was born January 6, 1863, in Jonquière by the shores of Lac St. Jean, Québec. In 1883, he married Louise Bergeron of Irish descent, also born in Jonquière, February 9, 1865, where the family lived for many years. They came



West in early September 1907 arriving at Leduc in a blinding snowstorm, with their family of nine children, bringing with them a boxcar full of personal belongings, including a weaving loom, spinning wheel, sewing machine and all accessories and a good supply of finished lumber.

They bought the southwest 1/4 of section 9-50-24-4, located six miles southwest of Beaumont. In 1916, they bought the two adjoining quarters to the south from Octave Préfontaine, described as N.W. 4-50-24-4 and S.W.4-50-24-4 where they lived until they retired in 1926. Louise died in 1934. Alex died August 15, 1955. The names of their children are, according to age: Edmond - born March 12, 1886 in Québec, married Léonne Dansereau, born May 31, 1902. They had 2 daughters; Jeanette and Marie-Claire. Alice -born April 21, 1889, married Emile Rodrigue, born March 27, 1879. They had 10 children: Albert, Wilfred (who died in infancy), Rose-Alice, Maurice, Laurier, Marie-Rose, Armand, Lucien, Laurent and Guy. Rosalie - born November 8, 1891, married Alphonse Masse in 1913. They had five children: Alphonsine, Louis, Raymond, Joseph, and Ovila. Marie Joséphine - born January 6, 1893, married Albert Bérubé (son of Napoléon Bérubé) in 1918. They had 10 children, lost 4 at birth. The children were: Yvonne, Julien, Lucille, Aurelien, Léonard (died in a car accident) and Nöellia. Adjutor-born March 1, 1896, married Berthe Lavigne on January 4, 1926. They had ten children: Thérèse, Madelene, Hector, Raoul, Cécile, Marilda, Omer, Rita, Florence, and Simone. Alida - born March 31, 1899, married John Galle in 1934. They had two children: Marianne and Maurice. François - born March 22, 1901, married Muriel Mable Welson on October 25, 1940 at Calgary. They had two children: Lorraine and Normand. Blanche - born April 25, 1903, married Albert Fournier in 1925. They had four children: Armand, Raymond, Robert and Jeanne. Rosario born July 4, 1905, married Marie-Anne Magnan in 1947. They had three children: Lucien, Roger and Marguerite.

CHALIFOUX, Parfait
LAMBERT, Rose-Alma
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After their marriage in July, 1915, Parfait and his wife Rose lived on the originally settled farm which was one mile west and two miles north of Beaumont. In 1919, they and their first three children moved to a farm five miles south of Beaumont. Parfait's parents and many of their younger children had moved from there to Edmonton and then on to Morinville in 1920.



Parfait and Rose continued to farm until they moved to Edmonton in the fall of 1949. During those years, they sold produce at the Farmers Market in Edmonton every Saturday and spent over 30 years selling poultry and eggs that were produced on their farm and also purchased from other farmers throughout the area. Parfait also did custom trucking for other farmers, hauling livestock to markets and often bringing back lumber for their building needs and coal for their stoves. In the late 1940's, he started building houses in Edmonton and continued in that business until his retirement in about 1965.

Parfait and Rose raised eight children to adulthood and had 35 grandchildren. Paul married Gabrielle Bilodeau and raised five children. Jeanne married François Charest and raised three children. Gertrude married Armand Bilodeau and raised seven children. Léo married Desneiges Bilodeau and raised five children. René married Laurette Leblanc and raised four children. Thérèse married Ramsay Smith and raised three children. Léonne married Armand Maisonneuve and raised three children. Daniel married Anita Dakin and raised five children.

Mr. and Mrs. Chalifoux celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in 1965. Parfait passed away in 1970 and Rose in 1973.

CHARBONNEAU, Hermas
PARADIS, Marie-Louise
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Hermas, son of Damase Charbonneau and Suzanne Leroux, was born in St. Jerome, P.Q. on January 23, 1882. He was the youngest of a family of 19 children. After finishing school, he learned the trade of blacksmith. At the age of 19, he decided to travel West to seek his fortune. He stopped at Lebret, Saskatchewan, where he taught the blacksmith trade to Indians at the Lebret Industrial School.



It was in Lebret that Hermas met Marie-Louise Paradis. Marie-Louise was also from Québec, born on April 2, 1886. She was two years old when her family moved to Manitoba and settled on a farm. When her father remarried and moved to Saskatchewan, Marie-Louise stayed in Winnipeg, where she worked. When visiting her sister in Lebret, Saskatchewan, Marie-Louise met Hermas Charbonneau. They were married on February 25, 1908. They lived in Saskatchewan for eight years then moved to B.C., where they lived until 1919.

Having heard much about Alberta, specifically about Beaumont, Hermas came out to investigate. He bought two lots and moved a small house onto it and brought his wife and three daughters from B.C. Being the blacksmith of a farming community involved hard work. The girls took turns helping their father. Mr. Charbonneau held different jobs over the years. He was school trustee and school custodian. He was a devoted parishioner rendering numerous services to the parish. His wife was actively involved in parish organisations. She was known for her decorative talents, making and decorating wedding cakes and decorating the church for special occasions.

She was postmistress for 32 years, keeping long hours to accommodate the farm people, who couldn't come to town during the day. Hermas and Marie-Louise took the time to travel, to visit friends and relatives in Saskatchewan, but mostly in the Beaumont and Edmonton area.

Mr. and Mrs. Charbonneau had eight children, five of whom died in infancy. The others are Jeanne, a member of the religious order "Les Filles de Jésus", Elizabeth (Mrs. Wilfrid Royer), and Rhéa (Mrs. Marcel Demers). Hermas died in 1965. Marie-Louise continued to live in her little house for eight years then sold it to Paul Roberge and moved with her daughter, Elizabeth. After a few years, she moved to Château Sturgeon in Legal. Marie-Louise passed away on August 13, 1983 at the age of 97 years and 4 months. Jeanne attended school in Beaumont and in 1930 was admitted to the novitiate of the Daughters of Jesus in France. She then became a nurse. She worked in hospitals in Lewiston, U.S.A., Lac La Biche and Pincher Creek for 44 years. She now lives in Leduc and visits the elderly and the sick.

CHAREST, Aimé
SAVARD, Sarah
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Aimé Charest was born June 24, 1901, on a farm 3 miles east of Beaumont. He came from a family of 19 which included two sets of twins. When he was 18 months old, his mother died giving birth to triplets. From that point, his older sister took on the mother's duties. Aimé left home at the age of 14 to earn his living, as the family was very poor. He was able to get odd jobs working as a farmhand and in lumbermills.

Finally working his way into Saskatchewan, he met Sarah Savard whom he later married on October 27, 1925. The couple made their way back to Alberta. They farmed, and operated a post office, from the farm house. A year and a half later, they moved to Biggar, Saskatchewan, where Aimé worked in a creamery. In Unity, Saskatchewan, Aimé and Sarah settled on a farm for eight years but unfortunately they never had a crop. They were either hailed out, dried out, or the strong winds would blow all the seeds away, as the soil was very sandy. They returned to Alberta in 1935 by horse and wagon.



They bought the Fortin farm near Beaumont and farmed there until 1965 to retire in Edmonton. Aimé and Sarah raised three sons, Léo, Maurice (both born in Saskatchewan) and Raymond (born in Alberta). Aimé died on January 6, 1975, leaving 11 grandchildren. This man played the violin, sang, was a square dance caller, and was a great joke teller; all in all, a great entertainer. Sarah now lives in the St. Thomas Senior Citizens' Home in Edmonton. Annie St. Pierre, the only living member of the family of nineteen lives in the St. Albert Nursing Home just outside of Edmonton. Maurice, second son of Aimé and Sarah, remembers coming out to Looma from Saskatchewan by wagon. The children attended Charest and Looma schools. They helped with farm chores after school, doing whatever needed to be done. The family had their own dairy products, garden produce, meat and fowl, and sold eggs and butter. After leaving school, Maurice left Beaumont. The Beaumont people will remember him managing different Singer Sewing stores in Edmonton. Maurice married Ruth Ohlinger and they have two daughters, Lynnette and Lorill.

CLUTTON, John
DODD, Sarah Jane (1)
WALDER, Mary (2)
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Mr. and Mrs. John William Clutton of Shropshire, England and their five children arrived in Canada on April 9, 1892. They took a homestead southeast of Beaumont, S.E. 24-50-24-4 and the required time to prove upon it was three years. They rented a farm at Beverly (Northeast Edmonton) until 1894, when the family moved to the homestead. Mrs. Clutton passed away the same year, after the birth of a fourth daughter.



In 1901, Mr. Clutton opened a butcher shop at 97th Street and Jasper Avenue. His son, Charles, operated a steam pump that pumped water up from the river and was delivered around the city in wagon tanks. The family returned to the farm in 1905, around which time he remarried. They retired from the farm in 1925 and moved to Edmonton. He passed away in 1935 at the age of 87 years.

Mrs. Clutton sold the farm to Tom Maltais. She passed away at 87 years of age. The history of the family at present is: Mrs. Morris Clark (Mary) passed away in 1909 leaving one son who now resides in B.C.: Charles, who married Lorraine Wilson and resided in the Clearwater district till 1956 when they retired in Edmonton. He passed away in the fall of 1969. They have one son employed in oilfield work at Drayton Valley; Harold served overseas in World War I and brought back a bride from England. He worked at Gainers Packing Plant for many years until retiring in B.C. Both have since passed away; Mildred, Mrs. T. Kobitzsch of Hardisty, Alberta, passed away in 1950, leaving a family of five girls and three boys. Janie, Mrs. David Haley of Edmonton, has two children, a boy and a girl. She is residing with her daughter. Mr. Haley passed away in the fall of 1957; Kathleen, Mrs. George Basnett, passed away in 1979 at 87 years of age. Mr. Basnett passed away in 1967 at 87 years of age. They have two sons and two daughters and resided in the Clearwater district.

CURREY, George
DAWSON, Hannah
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Hannah Dawson and George Currey were married at Sunderland, County of Durham, England, April 14, 1884. They owned a dairy farm at Thornley, County Durham, near Tow Law, where they delivered milk. George and Hannah saw Canadian Colonization posters advertising the beautiful Canadian West and its possibilities with 160 acres of virgin soil for \$10. What a great place for their sons! Their dreams became a reality, May 24, 1906, when they set sail for Canada with their family of eight, Edith 17, Joseph 15, Elizabeth 13, George 11, Ernest 10, Harold 8, Lily 4, Wilfred 1.



The journey by boat and CPR colonist car took seventeen days. The Curreys travelled with the Tweddle family of six, who also came from Tow Law. They arrived at the Leduc station June 10, 1906, where they were met by their friend, John Gibson, who took them by lumber wagon the nine miles to his home in the Clearwater District. They stayed with the Gibsons until George bought a quarter, S.E. 15-50-24-4, with a warm house to move into. Wood was still the only fuel. Later, they hauled lump coal from about 15 miles at \$2.50 a ton.

George was quite a public spirited man and he helped organize the rural telephones. His was the first to be installed. The phones saved families many a trip with the horses. Another of his interests was to establish the rural mail delivery. In 1912, Mr. D.M. Colquhoun, who ran a livery stable in Leduc, delivered the mail Tuesdays and Thursdays. Mrs. Peck remarked, "You could set your watch by him." Photography was a hobby of George's which began in England. He purchased new cameras before leaving the old country and made good use of them in the Clearwater community, developing all the film in his own home. During the flu epidemic of 1918, George and Hannah worked tirelessly, taking shifts to nurse some of the sick in the community.

He gave a plot of land on the southeast corner of his property for the United Church, which was formerly the Presbyterian Church, moved from Mr. Wood's farm. George had been a lay preacher in England and the church continued to play a large part in his life. As a member of the choir, he was able to pursue his love of music which began with singing tenor in the Eramus Male Voice Choir in Durham. His son, Wilfred, began his singing career at the age of three at a local concert in Clearwater, continuing on for Edmonton. The family all enjoyed music and many a happy evening was spent around the piano with their community friends; Betty at the piano, Father George on the violin, Wilfred on the banjo, Lily on the ukulele and Ernie and Joe on mouth organs. Even the dog got into the act as drummer, beating the clothespin on his tail against a metal plate and howling.

Two daughters married and moved to Edmonton: Edith, Mrs. George Bristow and Lily, Mrs. George Ward. The third daughter, Betty, Mrs. Robert A. Muir, remained in the Clearwater area where she is still living. Three sons left the farm to go into business in Edmonton where they married: Wilfred to Beatrice Patrick, Ernie to Nellie Carter and Harold to Louise Lake from Clearwater. George Jr. married Margaret Smith who taught in the Clearwater school. They bought a farm in the community, later sold and moved to the Westlock area. Joe remained on the farm with his parents.

Hannah took part in the activities of the church and community. She always made a cup of tea with some of her good cooking for any who crossed the threshold. A great lady who enjoyed people. After her death in 1941, George and son Joe sold the farm to Victor Bérubé and retired in Duncan, B.C. Later, they returned to Edmonton where they lived until George's death in 1950. Joe moved back to Clearwater and built a house beside his sister and brother-in-law's, Betty and Robert Muir. He resided there until his death in 1963.

DANSEREAU, Napoléon
MALO, Cordélia
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Napoléon and Cordélia Dansereau left Québec with their five children, Isidore, François, Léopold, Edwidge and Léonne, in 1903. During that time, the missionaries from Québec strongly urged people to establish themselves on farms in Western Canada. The family sold their property in Québec and took the train westward. They stayed at a cousins in St. Albert who owned a hotel. After some time, the family moved by covered wagon to Beaumont.



After acquiring much property and settling well in Beaumont, three more children were born: Albert, Armand and Emilie. They also took charge of two more children in 1918, after the Spanish flu took their mother. These were Adrienne and Thérèse Ray. Presently the Dansereau family consists of approximately 100 people.

DEMERS, Arthur
HÉBERT, Sara Antonia
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My father, Arthur Demers, was born June 30, 1863, at St. Constant, P.Q. At the age of seven, they moved to St. René. He entered apprenticeship for tin smithing and plumbing at Longueuil, Montreal at the age of 13. His pay was a dollar a month increasing to \$5 a month for the fifth year.



After his parents died, he left for the USA. He worked in Butte, Montana, for three years at his trade. In the spring of 1890, he came to Calgary. There, he met Father Lacombe who advised him to go to Edmonton. So he left for Edmonton and found a job at a plumbing firm for \$3 a day (fourteen hour day). Shortly after, my father took a homestead in the Clearwater District. He still continued to work in Edmonton while he hired a couple of men to open up his farm. A few years later, Mr. Charest and Mr. Juneau built Father's house. He bought wild ponies from the Indians, trained and then sold them. In 1901, Father married Sara Antonia Hébert, of St. John, Quebec and settled permanently on the farm. He enlarged it by purchasing a CPR quarter nearby. He continued to work as a plumber in Leduc. In 1902, they had a son, Jacques Joseph. To further his son's éducation, they sent him to college around 1917. In 1919, my dad bought his first car, a Chevrolet. We broke so many axles on that darn car that we built a root harrow out of all those axles. We bought a new car in 1927, which happened to be a good one. In the early 20's Dad and a neighbour bought a threshing machine. In 1938, my mother passed away and Dad passed away two years later. I am the only child.

DUBORD, Alfred
JUNEAU, Marie-Louise
par Marc Dubord
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My grandfather and grandmother, Alfred and Marie Louise Dubord, settled in the Beaumont district in the summer of 1893, together with their children: Leah, 5 years, Joseph, 3 years, and Fred, 1 year old. Alfred Dubord was born at Les Grondines, a small village on the north shore of the St. Lawrence River, about 25 miles west of Québec City. I visited this parish about 15 years ago, with the intention of searching the records of the church on my family's history. The priest of the parish was very cooperative and spent several hours with me while we searched. I found the records dated back to 1600, eight years before Québec City was founded. There were beautifully scrolled works recording all marriages, births, deaths, baptisms, etc. It seems apparent, from the number of recordings, that the Dubords had been in the area for many years. We found the birth records of my grandfather, his brothers and sisters, some uncles and aunts and, prior to 1854, some identified as Clermont-dit Dubord. Most of his close relatives also settled in Beaumont and are in their final resting place in the cemetery there.



My grandmother's maiden name was Marie-Louise Juneau. She was born near Grand'Mère - just north of Trois-Rivières. Alfred and his wife moved to Red Lake Falls, Minnesota, in the mid 1880's. They took up a homestead close to the Red River. There, they had 3 children, Leah in 1888, Joseph (my father) in 1890 and Fred in 1893. However, their farm was plagued year after year with spring floods, so in the early spring of 1893, they packed up their possessions and proceeded to these parts. They were accompanied by Marie-Louise's brother, Francois Xavier Juneau. Their travel was by horses and wagons, bringing cows, chickens and personal possessions. I can recall the stories of their trek, the flooded rivers and their difficulty of crossings, of lashing logs to the wheels, the horses swimming and pulling the wagons across. Cows were haltered and tied to the rear of the wagon and chickens in crates tied on top.

They arrived in the summer of 1893 and took up land just southwest of the Beaumont hill. There were few trails, and the countryside was covered with bush and sloughs.

More relatives of both sides from the East followed. Their family grew to a total of seven - Louise, Delina, Arcade and Albert. Eventually, these children formed their own families until their grandchildren included the names of Roberge, Chalifoux and Vaugeois. The third, fourth and fifth generations are spread throughout Western Canada and the United States.

The things I remember most of my grandfather are the visits to my father's farm, 4 1/2 miles south of Beaumont. After retiring, he had built a home about one block northwest of St. Vital Church. He would travel to our farm by horse and buggy, (his horse was named Old Chum) from spring breakup to late fall, leaving Beaumont on Monday morning and returning home Friday evening or Saturday morning. My grandparents were sticklers on attending church on Sundays and the after-mass meals that grandmother insisted that relatives and grandchildren attend.

I remember grandfather as a gentle man, for his very quiet ways, cutting his leaf tobacco (Tabac-Canadien) with his pocket knife, filling his pipe and smoking after hoeing weeds in our garden. I remember him for the many times he would take me, as a small boy, with him - Old Chum hauling a stoneboat to Eugene Letourneau's, to haul a barrel of soft water for the weekly laundry. He passed away quietly in his own bed at home. I remember the death bed vigils, and what seemed to me as a boy - the many two or three day wakes of the relatives and friends that were held at his home, the casket in an honored place in the parlour.

GAGNON, Ludger
CARRIER, Rose
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Ludger Gagnon was born in Arthabasca, P.Q., on March 31, 1862. His wife, Rose, was born in Tingwick, P. Q., on April 29, 1871. They were married in Chatham, Minnesota, on July 2, 1889.

Ludger came to Beaumont in 1893 and bought the quarter section S. W. 35-50-24-4 from the C.P.R. for \$400. This land is situated just north of St. Vital Church. He returned to Chatham and came back the following year with his wife and three children. He built a small shack.



At that time, the government gave each settler a bag of oats to help them to get started, but it wasn't much. Times were hard and many a homesteader got discouraged. Ludger worked on the railroad for a few years. In 1912, he built a new house. While the house was under construction, the shed which housed the livestock burned to the ground.

Beaumont's first post office opened its doors in 1895. Ludger was the first postmaster. He operated the post office until 1899. In 1927, Ludger and Rose moved to Maillardville, B.C., and in 1928, they bought a farm near Donnelly. Ludger died in 1933 and Rose in 1960.

Their children were: Adélaïde (Mrs. John Charest), Eva (Mrs. Frank Charest), Frank (Elézoa Morin), Rose (Mrs. Euclide Laperle), Céline (Mrs. Joseph Magnan), Joseph (Rosalie Larochelle), Ludger (Jeanne Oeuvray), Alberta (Mrs. Jack Lucas), Napoléon (Thérèse Sauvé), Jean (Mélina Larochelle), and twin daughters, Bertha and Marie, who died at birth.

GOBIEL, Ernest
BILODEAU, Angéline
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I was born in Bagotville, Québec on June 29, 1901 the son of Ernest Gobeil and Eugénie Bouchard. My father died when I was only nine months old and my mother later married her brother-in-law, Eugène Gobeil.

Our family moved to Beaumont when I was eleven years old.

Eugène's brother, Théophile, had already settled on a homestead here. We lived with Uncle Théophile. In 1919, Eugène bought himself a half-section of land half a mile west of the church. My brother Henri and I stayed with Uncle Théophile and Aunt Virginie to help them, as Eugène already had a family of six: Alexandre, Annette, Maurice, Marcel, Maria, and Aline.



The land being good for farming, Henri and I bought a quarter-section next to Uncle Théophile's, three miles west of the village. After a few prosperous years, another quarter-section was bought.

Angéline Bilodeau was born in 1905, eldest daughter of Thomas Bilodeau and Régina Moreau. She and I met in 1925 and were married in January of 1927 in the Beaumont Church. We moved into a new house, three miles west of Beaumont. In the fall of the same year, we bought another quarter-section. Later, Uncle Théophile and Aunt Virginie sold their share of land to Henri and myself, and returned to Bagotville.

We raised our family of nine children: Roger, Laurent, Dollard, Laurier, Régina, Olive, Ovila, France and Marcellin. Work was always plentiful on the farm. We built a grain elevator which we felt was necessary to store the feed and grain. We raised hogs and dairy cows, as well as five to six hundred turkeys and chickens which we sold at the market in Edmonton. There was also much work to be done in the house as we always had a bunch of men helping with the crops. Three big meals had to be prepared daily for all the hired men. We always had big gardens, as we canned vegetables and fruit for the winter.

In spite of all the hard work, there was always time for fun. One weekend, one of the hired men had gone home but had left his team of horses in the barn. The other men took red paint and painted a pair of grasses around the white horses' eyes and red spots all over their bodies. Imagine what happened on Monday morning! The

other horses shied away, unsure as to what these beasts were! The poor man was the laughingstock of the district for quite a while, as it took a few months for the paint to wear off.

Our children attended school first in Beaumont, and then the boys went to St. Johns College and the girls to the Assumption Convent in Edmonton. They are now married with families: Roger (Thérèse Goudreau), 2 boys; Laurent (Juliette Labonté), 4 children; Dollard (Régina Labonté), 4 children; Laurier (Annette Lavigne), 4 children; Régina (Alain Renaud), 6 children; Olive (Médéric Juneau), 4 children; Ovila (Anita Gamache), 2 children; France (Don Lowe), 3 children; Marcellin (Juliette Magnan), 4 children.

We now live in a house on Beaumont's 50th Street, built when we retired in 1965. We have 33 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren.

GOBEIL, Henri
BILODEAU, Aurore
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Born in Bagotville, P.Q., on August 4, 1900, Henri moved to Alberta in 1912 with his family. They bought two quarter-sections of land three miles west of Beaumont. Henri attended Beaumont School and helped on the farm. In 1930, Henri met Aurore Bilodeau, who lived on a farm six miles east of Beaumont. Aurore, born on September 19, 1906, attended Charest School. For many years she also worked at home, often doing field work with horses.



Henri and Aurore were united in marriage on February 14, 1932. Henri then opened a garage on Beaumont's main street. There was never a dull moment in Henri's job. He had a forge and sharpened plough shears for 25 cents. In 1935, he built a snow plough, and later a harrow to pick tree roots. In 1947, Henri installed two engines behind his garage which supplied the whole town with electricity.

For 28 years, Henri served the community before selling Beaumont Garage to his nephew, Laurent Gobeil, and his partner, Marcel Royer. Henri's family lived upstairs in the garage for 12 years, after which they bought five acres of land from Pierre Bérubé for \$200 an acre. There, they built their first house. Many years later, after Henri's retirement, he and Aurore moved into a new house, built by Henri, on Beaumont's 50th Street.

Four children were born to Henri and Aurore. Rita (Rosaire Tessier), 5 children; Gérard, who died accidentally at the age of seven; Juliette; Richard (Diane Bentley). Henri died in December of 1980. Aurore is still living in her home on 50th Street.

GOUDREAU, Eugène
LAMBERT, Marie-Louise
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Eugène Goudreau, son of Onézime Goudreau and Marie Côté, was born in Benson, Minnesota on August 4, 1879. He immigrated to Canada in 1894 with his family after several years of corn crop failures. He was 15 years old at the time. The family settled on the homestead N.E. 6-51-23-4 in Sandy Lake, Beaumont area. The family was proud of having the first house with cedar shingles, a luxury on the old log house.



Eugène panned for gold in the North Saskatchewan River, morning till night for one dollar a day, and also farmed with his father. In April, 1910, Eugène married Marie-Louise Lambert, daughter of Hormidas Lambert and Olivine Plante. Marie-Louise was born in Red Lake Falls on July 1, 1888. Her family came from Minnesota and settled south of Beaumont in 1893. Eugène and Marie-Louise lived on a farm in Sandy Lake, Beaumont district S. W. 7-51-23-4. They owned and farmed up to nine quarters of land at one time. They raised a family of 13 children: Emile, Louis, Edouard, Helen Rivard, Maurice, Aimé, Lillian Magnan, Lucien, Wilfred, and Alexandre; three died in early childhood.

These children were all born in Edmonton and are all living in the same area. They have 59 grandchildren and 49 great-grandchildren. Eugène and Marie-Louise retired to the village of Beaumont in 1956, and enjoyed their own home, gardening, etc. They celebrated their Golden Anniversary on April 5, 1960. Marie-Louise passed away February 16, 1970 and Eugène, September 6, 1973.

Aimé, the sixth child, was enrolled in the Canadian Army in 1942. He spent three and a half years in the service but did not go overseas. He was discharged in 1945 and returned to the family farm. In 1963, he married Jeannine Babineau, a school teacher from New Brunswick, who was teaching in Beaumont. They have two children: Michel and Lynne, and are presently residing in Edmonton.

HEATLEY, William
BROWN, Emma (1)
JONES, Edith (2)
McCONNEL, Caroline (3)
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William Heatley, his wife and small daughter left Leicester, England, arriving in Calgary in the year 1887. The next several years found Mr. Heatley working as a fireman on a train west of Calgary. During this time, a son, William C., was born at Canmore, Alberta.



A step up in ranks came when the first train left Calgary bound for Edmonton in 1891 and which found the Heatley family on board. At the end of the steel, then Strathcona, Bill Heatley changed his fireman's cap for that of a baggageman. He continued this job while saving up for a homestead in the Clearwater district, his place becoming widely known as "Heatley's Corner". This area was right next to the schoolhouse and eventually the church. While working on the railroad, Mr. Heatley would drive his team of horses from the farm to the

Strathcona station, tie up the lines and head his horses back home where they would be taken care of by his family.

After leaving the railway, Bill soon developed a longtime position as secretary of the municipal organisation. He was secretary of the local improvement district and later took over the same office of the Municipal District of Black Mud No. 488 and remained in this position until his death in 1938. He was also the secretary-treasurer of the Clearwater School District.

The Heatley farm, meanwhile, was being well developed by the growing family members which had now increased to seven. Emma Heatley, the mother of the family, passed away at the time of the birth of a daughter in 1899, leaving the family in the capable hands of the eldest daughter, Annie, a girl of twelve years. In 1908, Bill married the Clearwater schoolteacher, Miss Edith Jones, who was from Sherbrooke, Québec. This loving lady undertook the care of this large family. She passed away in 1921.

In 1925, when Bill's family was growing up and thinking of homes of their own, he married a widow, Mrs. Caroline McConnel. She was known as Carrie and lived at "Heatley's Corner" until her passing in 1945. Annie Heatley was born in Leicester, England, November 8, 1887 and came with her parents to Canmore, Alberta. In 1891, she travelled by train with the family to Strathcona.

Annie lived on the farm in the Clearwater district until her marriage to George Robertson in 1910, when she boarded pony and cart, travelling to Edmonton where she made her home until her death. This lady was the girl of twelve who looked after her dad and six brothers and sisters when her mother died. The story goes that she could make the best bread in the district and taught many a newcomer the pioneering life.

Harry Heatley was born in 1894 at Heatley's Corner. He lived on the homeplace until 1926 when he and his new wife, Minnie Clarkson moved to their farm one and a half miles southwest. The Harry Heatleys lived in the Clearwater District until 1933, when they moved to Duncan, B. C. During this time, Tom, the youngest son of Bill, died very suddenly in the Clearwater area. Tom and Harry were always very close brothers and it was a great shock to family and friends in the community. Harry and Minnie returned to Edmonton and lived there for their remaining lives.

JUNEAU, Francois (Frank) Xavier
FONTAINE, Corinne
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François Xavier (Frank) Juneau was born at Ste-Ursule, Québec in 1871. He was the son of Francis Juneau and Henriette Boutin. After a number of years, the Juneau family moved to Grand Forks, North Dakota, U.S.A. At the age of eighteen, Frank, his father and a number of settlers travelled by covered wagon from North Dakota to Beaumont looking for new land. While in Beaumont, the Juneaus stayed with Francis' sons-in-law, Charles and Fred Dubord. The father and son returned to North Dakota and in the year 1903, Frank married Corinne Fontaine. From their marriage seven children were born: Eddy, Corinne (deceased at the age of 19), Rosie, Violet, Frank, Marie, Amédé. Five years after their marriage, they moved to Alberta near Medicine Hat.



In 1919, Frank made his second trip to Beaumont. This time, he came by train bringing with him his family as well as 45 cows and 17 horses. They settled on a farm a mile and a half

south of Beaumont. That land had been bought from (Sherman Hiram) Johnston. Frank made his living by grain and hay farming and by raising cattle. His wife Corinne and their daughters had the reputation of being fine seamstresses and of being able to do numerous needlecrafts. In 1945, the couple bought a house in Edmonton and moved there for their retirement.

Frank passed away in 1961 at the age of 90 years and Corinne died two years later at the age of 87 years.

LAMBERT, Auguste
NIESEN, Helena
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Auguste and Helena (née Niesen) Lambert arrived from Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin during the summer of 1898 with eight children and were blessed with another six after settling in Beaumont. The family consisted of three daughters: Mary, Lena, and Clara, and eleven sons: Bernard, Alphonse, Auguste, Xavier, Joseph, twins Phillippe and Hermidas, Hercules, twins, Wilfrid and Napoléon and Norman. Auguste had worked as a lumberjack in the U.S.A. He and his family settled on a 160-acre homestead where they built their log home, cleared and cultivated the land, and planted and harvested very precious crops of wheat and barley.



The farm was located five and one half miles south of the village of Beaumont. Schooling in the area was essentially nonexistent. As the young men grew to manhood, the family purchased four more quarters of land near the homeplace. They acquired a steam engine to thresh the grain and hired it and themselves out to other farmers for miles around.

All the Lamberts loved animals, particularly horses. They were known as the owners of the fastest and handsomest teams in the area, a real status symbol in the early period opening the West and a useful attraction during the courtship years.

Hercules and Clara died in their early teens. Wilfrid did not take a wife. All the others married. Of the twelve who lived to adulthood, seven lived at Beaumont, one moved to British Columbia, and four moved to California. In California, Napoléon became Cecil B. deMille's butler, Lena was lady-in-waiting to Mrs. deMille.

In Beaumont, in addition to all the novel events associated with family life, both Joseph and Phillippe arranged to transport their two-storey houses on side by side lots on 66th Avenue in Edmonton at a cost of \$500 for each house and a transport time of one week. This type of move is a common occurrence today, but in 1949 it was a "first" that generated much discussion and window watching by well-wishers along the way.

In 1938, a fire swept through Norman's farmstead destroying buildings and horses. The neighbors helped him plant and harvest that year. Ten years later, 1948, Xavier's farm was hit by fire. He lost 4 horses, 11 cows, and 200 chickens. Again, some friendly neighbors came to the rescue.

Auguste, the father, died in September, 1916, at the age of 54 years. Helena, the mother, died in 1921 at the age of 55. At the time of first printing of this résumé all of Auguste and Helena's children had died, but many of their descendants live in various parts of Western Canada and the U.S.A.

LEBLANC, Frédéric
GAGNON, Amanda (1)
THÉRIAULT COUTURIER, Joséphine (2)
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Frédéric and Dominic, sons of Eli and Marie (Roberge) LeBlanc, were born on September 23, 1862 at St. Paul de Chester, P.Q. The family later moved to Chatham, Minnesota.

Frédéric, his wife Amanda (Gagnon) and their children, Hélène, Philip, Amédé and Arthur, came to Beaumont in the spring of 1894. Frédéric had bought 100 acres on the section N. W. 23-50-24-4 from the C.P.R. for \$300. In 1898 Amanda passed away, leaving Frédéric with six young children, Léda and Elmire being the youngest. The first church of Beaumont, built in 1894, was built under the direction of Frédéric.



Frédéric often drove the parish priest to St. Albert where the bishop's residence was located. It was there that he met Joséphine Thériault Couturier, a widow. They were married and had four children: Blanche, Wilfrid, Alice and Lilliane. On May 25, 1921, Frédéric died of a heart attack on Jasper Avenue in Edmonton. He was 58 years old. Joséphine passed away on February 7, 1957.

MAGNAN, Charles
BÉRUBÉ, Anna
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Charles Magnan was born at St-Pierre Baptiste, Québec, April 5, 1870. He was the son of Charles Magnan and Eléonore Lambert. In his early teens he learned the trade of building carriages, sleighs, etc. He married Anna Bérubé in June of 1893. She was the daughter of Aristobule Bérubé and Marie Lambert, born on October 19, 1869 at St-Pierre-Baptiste.



After their wedding, Charles and Anna moved to Lewiston, Maine where she worked in a cotton factory, and he worked in a shoe factory. After a few years they moved back to Québec and made their home in Plessisville. Charles opened a shop of his own, building sleighs and Anna would finish them off, making the seats and back. This is where their ten children were born: Ulric, Alcide, Joseph, Marie-Anne, Emile, Imelda, Adrien, Eulalie, Calixte and Alma. In 1905 Charles decided to come West to visit with his father-in-law, Aristobule Bérubé, they had heard that land was selling cheap.

It wasn't until 1910 that Charles and Anna decided to move West with their family. During six weeks they lived in a home for immigrants near Prince Albert, Saskatchewan, until they decided where they would immigrate. Since they did not like where they were living, they decided to come to Beaumont to see Mr. Pierre Bérubé about land.

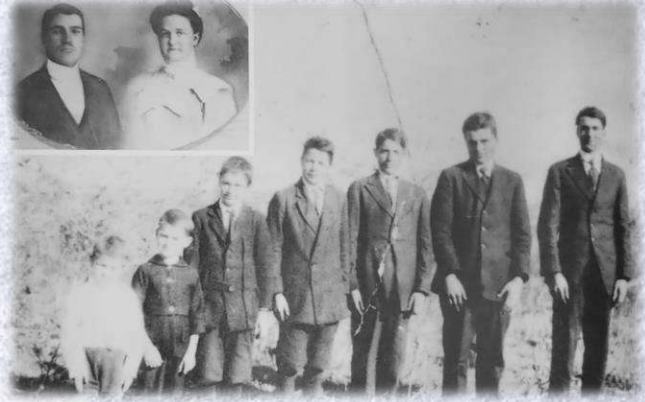
Charles and Anna arrived in Beaumont on July 9, 1910, and bought a farm one mile east and three miles south of the village. Charles worked as a carpenter for a few years. The older children went to Clearwater School and the

younger went to the Lac La Biche Convent. In 1920 Charles bought a farm one mile west of Beaumont. They lived on the farm until they retired in 1932 to reside in the village. Ulric moved in with his parents; and so did Josephs four children, after the death of their mother in 1926.

In thirteen years, eight children were married. Marie Anne married Marie-Louis Bérubé. Alcide married Sophie Maltais. Joseph married Céline Gagnon. Emile married Jessie Chisholm. Alma married Wilfrid Vallée. Eulalie married Léopold Magnan. Imelda married Emerie LHeureux. Calixte married Léontine St. Jacques. Charles passed away on December 8, 1954; Anna on February 2, 1946. Two of their children, Adrien and Ulric, died when very young.

**MAISONNEUVE, Joseph
DUBOIS, Marie-Louise
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Joseph Maisonneuve was born on June 5, 1879, at Ste-Thérèse, Côte Deux Montagnes, Québec. Marie-Louise Dubois was born on November 30, 1879, also at Ste-Thérèse, Côte Deux Montagnes, Québec. They were married on June 10, 1902, and farmed in the Ste-Thérèse area from 1902 until 1911. During this time they had six children: Cécile, Joseph, Paul, Albert, Alexandre and Edward. In the fall of 1910, Joseph, along with his brother Olivia, travelled West to purchase some land. Together they purchased four quarters of land in the Plante area, which is located four and one half miles south of the Village of Beaumont.



When they returned to Québec to collect their families, Olivia decided to remain there. The property belonging to Olivia was purchased by Joseph and he and his family prepared for the journey to their new home. They travelled by train and arrived in Leduc on March 17, 1911. Their first home on the property was a dwelling sixteen feet by twenty feet. Seven more children were born to the Maisonneuve family after arriving in the area, Marie-Louise, Agnès, Emile, George, Marie-Rose, Elizabeth and Florence, making it necessary to add on to the little house. Due to this large family, it became necessary to purchase more farmland. Five more quarters of land were purchased, four of these quarters were two miles east of Beaumont and one more was located in the Plante district.

In 1915, Joseph purchased his first threshing machine which operated with a separate engine. In 1917, he purchased a 1912 Ford, the first family car. In 1918, Joseph and his sons built a barn on the property which still stands today. In 1919, he purchased his first tractor, which was a Waterloo Boy. In 1926, Joseph decided to start a project which today would be more than most people would dream of tackling. He built a stone house on the property. It took one hundred loads of rock and thirty-five loads of sand, which they hauled by team and wagon. He hired a mason, Mr. Westley McGarvey, from Michigan Centre, a district south of Calmar. The house was built in three levels with a full basement, and along with the help of the older boys, it took three months of steady hard labor to complete.

Joseph was the local blacksmith and operated his business from a little log building on the farm. He made his own drills, and built a drilling rig which he used for drilling water wells in the area. He also made plow shares and fashioned his own harness from leather. He built sleighs and repaired wagons and buggies. He raised and bred horses, cattle and hogs. With farming and his blacksmith shop, Joseph and his boys were kept very busy.

Marie-Louise did all her own spinning and weaving which she then made into quilts. She also sewed all the clothes for herself and her very large family. With the help of the girls, they were kept busy baking, cleaning, sewing and caring for the younger ones. At harvest time, the home was a sea of activity, as, added to her already very busy schedule, Marie-Louise had the added responsibility of numerous hired hands. Marie-Louise was a loving mother and a very special person to those who knew her. She was gifted with a beautiful voice and always found time to sing for her children. All her friends and neighbours also greatly enjoyed her songs.

After the family grew up, Joseph began to purchase houses in the City of Edmonton. He purchased the first house in 1942 and two the following year. These houses were rented and provided an additional income. In 1944, he purchased a home for his wife and himself to retire in Edmonton. The youngest son, George, purchased the family farm and today he and his wife, Juliette, still reside in this beautiful stone house which they have lovingly cared for through the years.

Marie-Louise passed away on October 20, 1958, and Joseph on January 21, 1970. At the time of his death, there were forty-five grandchildren and ninety-two great-grandchildren. Since the time of his passing, there are many more descendants in the Maisonneuve family.

MORIN, Napoléon
BÉRUBÉ, Philomène
par Arthur Morin
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On a beautiful sunny day, April 23, 1910, Napoléon Morin of Plessisville, Comté Mégantic, Québec, along with his wife Philomène, (née Bérubé) and their 5 children, Elmina, Arthur, Célérine, Emile and Rose-Alma, arrived in Strathcona by CPR and were welcomed with open arms by Philomène's 3 brothers, Pierre, Joseph, and Alcide Bérubé. The passengers embarked in two democrats, and the baggage was loaded onto a wagon. Within an hour the contingent was on the road to the promised land, Beaumont, a distance of eleven miles, to Pierre's résidence, where the family was going to stay until a place of their own was found.



Pierre had acquired a quarter of land formerly owned by the Fouquets, described as the N. W. 36-24-50-4, 1 1/2 miles north-east of the village of Beaumont. He sold this land to Mr. Morin for the low price of \$1400.00 with only \$200.00 as down payment. There were some old buildings which were repaired and, two weeks later, the Morins were moved and settled in their new home.

Napoléon Morin died of a cardiac arrest on July 21, 1912, at the age of 45 years and 6 months. After the death of her husband, Mrs. Morin, with the help of her 2 sons, Arthur and Emile, cleared more land, and in 1914, built a new two-storey house, a barn and chicken coop. Those buildings are still standing and in good condition today. Mrs. Morin moved to the village in 1946. Besides raising her family, Mrs. Morin took care of her invalid father, Aristobule Bérubé, for 3 years. She also took care of her mother for 20 years or more. She herself died suddenly at the age of 82 years and 2 months and she and her husband are both buried in the Beaumont cemetery.

MORNEAU, Charles
ROBERGE, Elise
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Mr. and Mrs. Morneau arrived in Beaumont from Rice Lake, Wisconsin, at the beginning of the 20th century, accompanied by their adopted daughter, Joséphine Beaudoin. They settled on quarter section N.W. 33-50-24-4.

The Morneaus operated a general store for some time as well as the post office. Elise was a musician and was organist at the church. Charles passed away on July 17, 1913 and Elise on September 1, 1919. Both were buried in Beaumont. Joséphine married Omer Royer.



MUIR, Donald
ANGELL, Ann Victoria
by Ralph Muir
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My grandparents, Robert and Alexina, were married April 16, 1879 at St. Laurent, a suburb of Montréal, Québec. They rented a 60-acre farm at Lachine where my father was born in 1880. They raised a family of seven children, losing two children at an early age to the dreaded flu. They farmed in Lachine till 1901, then moved back to St. Laurent. Donald got a job working at a furniture store where the furniture was made and wholesaled.



He started courting a lady by the name of Annie V. Angell who lived at Pointe Claire. His only transportation was a horse and buggy which he had bought. It was 20 miles west of where he lived so his courting days were limited; on a Halloween day in Pointe Claire a group of boys got together and changed the wheels on his buggy, putting the large ones on the front and the small ones on the rear. The boys knew he was really in love because he drove all the way back and hadn't noticed the change.

On December 28, 1905, Donald and Annie were happily married and made their home in Pointe Claire where Stuart, Freda and myself were born. Stuart lived seven months; he was born with a spine problem.

In 1910, Donald decided to venture out West. I asked one of Dad's sisters why he decided to come West. The country was just opening up, he had loaned a man \$100, which was a small fortune in those days. The man had gone West for the spring and harvest and had taken a ticket to Edmonton, Alberta. So on June 1, 1910, Donald packed a bag of supplies and purchased a ticket to Winnipeg.

As his funds were really limited, he decided to try and find a job. His destination was a small town called Minburn, 65 miles inside the Alberta border where Donald's wife Annie's sister, Lizzie Angell, lived. Jobs were not too plentiful but Donald finally got a job at \$3.00 a day in a farming community in Saskatchewan. His job was ploughing for this farmer, driving eight horses on a four 12-furrow tractor plow. The horses were in

tandem and the lines were on the front four. The rear four were tied to the evener that controlled the pull between the eight horses.

Well, Donald almost fainted or ran, because he had told the farmer he drove horses and farmed before, but he had done so only with 2 horses and a walking plough. The farmer helped him, by going with him the first round, two miles straight ahead. There were no stones and the soil was rich and black. The horses were no trouble. They seemed to know more about it than he did. But the pressure of handling large equipment and a large farm operation made him decide to head West to Alberta.

Minburn was a small town of 50 people built alongside of the C.N. railway, so Donald had no trouble finding it. The Alex Gray's lived on a half section of land 2 miles from town. Donald stayed with them a few days. Then he decided to venture West to Edmonton. Not knowing too much about land, he decided to look around Edmonton but first he must collect his loan. He found the hotel and the man's room. The man was not in so he left a note with the hotel clerk as to where he could be contacted, who he was and what he wanted, which was the worst thing he could have done, as the note was picked up and the man had checked out. So Donald kissed his note for \$100 goodbye, never to see that man again.

Donald went to Leduc and talked to C. W. Carroll Real Estate agents. They told him to go 3 miles north and then east 3 or 4 miles where they had a few farms listed for sale, and he might find work there. Mr. and Mrs. Will Stanley got Dad to stay with them a few days to get his bearings. He helped them around the farm for board and room. He did a few days harvesting with some of the larger farmers. With the rich deep black soil, 16" in places, Dad got the feeling he'd like to own land. He liked what he'd seen and the farm across the road from Tweddle's was for sale. Very little of the land was broken; but it had an old log house and a small barn. It was the Imgram farm. Dad contacted C.W. Carroll Real Estate and found he could buy this Imgram place for \$2200. He lost no time in writing and getting help from his mother and dad in Montréal. The property location was S.W. 16-50-24-4.

Dad spent a lot of time exploring his property and found out that he'd got himself into a lot of work. The old log house wasn't suitable for the cold weather, so Dad packed his bag and headed back home to Montréal. Shortly after his return on October 23, 1910 he became the proud father of a bouncing 9 lb. baby boy whom he called Ralph. He knew then he had made the right move as help was on the way.

Donald went back to work for the winter months then around the end of March, 1911, he rented a boxcar and loaded all he owned which included a team of horses, democrat, 14' walking plough, cow and calf, potato double mold plow, 2 saddle harrows, and a bit of furniture.

With lots of feed for the animals and grub for himself he had his living quarters in one end of the boxcar. Dad left for the West, leaving Mother and the two children to come later by train after he was settled on the farm. It was a long, cold trip, almost two weeks before he got settled. Donald made a deal with the Martins to rent their farm for two years so he would have a decent place to live while he worked his own land, and fixed up the place. The land was just a mile west on the same road running east and west and known as N.W. 8-50-24-4.

Mother and the children came later in the summer after Dad had cleaned and painted some of the interior of the house. There were lots of buildings, including a large hiproof barn. To make use of all the buildings would require a lot of money and equipment to farm the land as there were 50 acres of crop land plus another 40 acres on his own place. I would imagine Dad had lots of problems the first year and if it hadn't been for all the friendly neighbors around, it would have been worse.

In April 1912, Dad's brother Robert and their father and mother (Robert and Alexina Muir Sr.) came out West to see the country and see how Donald was making out. They were surprised to see deep black loam and just a few stones. My uncle Robert stayed out West and helped Dad with the farming.

Grandpa and Grandma Muir stayed out for the summer as Grandpa was quite a sportsman and loved the outdoors. He used to hunt upland game. There were lots of prairie chicken and partridges in those days. The Martin farm was situated on the northeast bank of the big Saunders Lake, with the south line running into the edge of the lake. During duck shooting season Grandpa loved to get down to the lake and shoot ducks. One day by the lake he was having good luck when he was approached by a game warden and asked if he was a farm owner or had a hunting license.

He couldn't produce either so they confiscated his guns and birds. He had to appear before a magistrate, paid a fine and bought a hunting license. Grandpa was so angry about the whole affair! He wanted his gun back. He talked it over with the boys, Donald and Robert. He decided to buy the Martin farm. It would be for Robert, if or when he decided to settle down. Robert stayed with Dad till the fall of 1914. When war broke out, he joined up with the armed forces.

Things were going to be a little different in the future as Dad and Robert had worked together accumulating more equipment and stock and more horses. At the same time Dad was building a two-storey frame house on his own farm when he had spare time. He had a man by the name of Will Stanley working for him. They finally got the house completed outside with siding. The inside was all covered with wood lath and left that way for years.

It wasn't long before wedding bells were ringing as Robert had been corresponding with a pretty young lady by the name of Betty Currey. On June 18, 1918 they were happily married and after a brief honeymoon they settled down on their farm.

In the meantime, Donald had erected a small two-storey building on his own farm to move into temporarily while finishing the big house. He hired two men to pour the cement in the basement wall. It was all mixed in a large wooden box by hand with a hoe. All the cement came in heavy cotton bags clamped with wire at the top. My job was to pile the bags in a nice flat pile out of the way. The men were real wizards at their work. They put in so many large and small stones in the wall, that it would more than double the volume. The men plastered the whole house on the wood laths and Dad finished all the trimmings and doors. The following summer, Donald moved into his new house and that was the beginning of the homeplace.

Mother will be long remembered for the part she played in the raising of a family which had increased to four children with the birth of her third child, Kenneth on October 1, 1912, followed by a sister Grace, born February 6, 1917. By 1919, my older sister Freda and myself were a little helpful. Mother always had time to help other people and got involved in the Clearwater Ladies' Aid and school. Donald (Dad) was appointed secretary-treasurer trustee along with Ernest Lake and Arthur Barkholder for the Clearwater School District. He held that position for 15 years.

Donald and Annie were both active in church work. Dad was superintendent of the Sunday school with help from Robert Muir and Arthur Burkholder. The minister I first remember was Rev. Wheeler. The Clearwater district was known far and wide for its friendliness and good neighbour policy. If you needed help you could always depend on your neighbors. No mention of money, just a tasty hot meal and a "thank- you".

With the disappearance of the school, church and community hall, Clearwater district can only be recognized by a large cairn that was built on the property where the United Church stood for 80 years. Donald and Annie Muir were glad to see all their children marry and live happily together.

Freda married Murdo Sinclair in 1934, lived on a farm in Clearwater and raised a family of 4 children. Ralph married Mabel Wilkerson in 1933, lived on a farm in Clearwater till 1943, then because of sickness moved to Edmonton, Alberta and raised a family of 4 children. Kenneth married Georgie Williams in 1937, lived on the farm that was the original homeplace, and raised a family of 7 children. Grace married Lang Lendrum in 1943; she was a registered nurse in the Victoria Hospital in Montréal and Lang was still in the Navy. They raised 2 children.

Ralph and Mabel Muir were married by Rev. E.J. Thompson in the Clearwater United Church on October 23, 1933. It was in the middle of the depression years when we started farming ourselves. We started with 3 cows, 4 horses, 2 sows and 55 chickens; I bought a cow and calf for \$20. I didn't realize what it meant to pay all the accounts yourself. My wife Mabel was very thrifty and together we made every cent count. We borrowed my dad's churn and made all our cream into butter. Once a week, we would load up the old Model A Ford and head for Edmonton to sell the produce. We soon found out that money doesn't grow on trees and we appreciated every dollar we worked for. By 1935, we were getting the wheels rolling and on February 11, 1935 we had our first child, James Stuart. On August 5, 1937, our second boy Kenneth Edwin was born, followed by our daughter, Marilyn Florence on June 8, 1940.

In 1943, during the war years, I couldn't get help. My wife was in the hospital, and the children were staying with relatives. I talked to Mother and Dad about selling out and moving to Edmonton. My nerves were getting the better of me. They came out in the car to see what the trouble was. At 5 o'clock the separator wasn't even washed, and 20 large pails of eggs had to be washed, candled and graded for the next day. At midnight we finished. Dad turned to me and said "I can see what you mean". I decided to hold a farm sale and sold everything but the car and furniture. I bought a house in Edmonton and moved our furniture in and got the family together again. We had another child, a baby boy, Brian Ralph, born in 1947.

All the children are happily married now and we are the happy grandparents of 13 grandchildren. After 40 years of progress we still live in the same house.

PLANTE, Joseph
(MINEAU, Marie Clarisse d. 1876 P.Q.)
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Joseph Plante came to Beaumont from Minnesota. He was the father of Jean, Adolphe, Hercules, Thomas, Olivine (Lambert), and Marie (Perusse). Joseph and four of his children, Adolphe, Thomas, Hercules and Olivine settled near Beaumont. It was in their honor that Plante School, situated five miles south of Beaumont, was named. At the age of 43, Hercules got a homestead, N.E. 2-5024-4. He built a house on it in 1894, where he, his wife, Rose-Anna Sainte-Marie and their six children lived until about 1905. They later moved to St. Edouard. Their last child, Henri, was born in Beaumont in 1898.



PRÉVILLE, Xavier
PLANTE, Marie-Louise
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Xavier Préville was born in Minnesota on June 28, 1887. In 1892, he came to Beaumont with his parents. In 1909, he went to St. Edouard with his father and they each took a homestead adjacent to each other. In 1910, Xavier married Marie-Louise Plante, formerly of Beaumont. Her family lived in Elk Point. Xavier and Marie-Louise stayed on their homestead, clearing the land, until 1912, when they obtained the title to their land. Then they returned to Beaumont to cultivate Xavier's fathers land.

In 1913, Aimé was born. He died five years later of a ruptured appendix. Armand was born in 1915. The family decided to return to St. Edouard in 1918. Armand worked with his father until 1936 when he married Elianne Pomerleau and settled on his grandfather's land. They had nine children. They have moved from the farm since.

Edouard, born in 1919, married Cécile Blouin. They lived on the farm for a while then moved to St. Paul where he died in 1968.

They had five children. Alice, born in 1923, married Armand Pomerleau. They settled on a farm and raised eleven children. They now live in Morinville. Blanche, born in 1930, wed Paul Laforce. They live on a farm in Legal. They have six children. After Edouards marriage, Xavier and Marie-Louise moved to St. Paul. Xavier died in 1976. Marie-Louise predeceased him, in 1962.



ROBERGE, Zeno
, Marie
by Irene Alain
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My grandfather, Louis Roberge, widower, came to Canada in 1901 from Rice Lake, Wisconsin. He settled in Beaumont on a quarter section, northwest of the church. A few lots were already taken on that corner, such as blacksmith Lavigne's residence and an old couple named Vallée. On the opposite was the Gagnon's residence, on the other, Uncle Charles Morneau, and on the other, the church.

In early spring 1903, my father, Zéno Roberge, mother, Marie, brother, Raymond and I travelled to Leduc from Rice Lake.

Mr. Edward Côté was waiting for us at the station. We got in a democrat (2-seat buggy) riding over rough, muddy roads. In one place, water was up to the floor of the democrat, which was very scary for us kids. Other relations there from Rice Lake and surrounding districts were: Pierre Roberge, the Basterashes and Morneaus (an uncle) having come the year before.

Uncle Charles Morneau's daughter, Joséphine, later married Omer Royer. Aunt Mary, Dad's sister who had moved with us from the States, married Wilfred Lavigne. People I remember living in Beaumont the years we



were there are the Royers, Chalifoux, Bonnets, Brunnelles, Bérubés, Desrochers, Lavignes, Durands, Prévilles, Gagnons, Leblancs, Blanchards, Gravels, and Ouimets.

One priest's name was Ouellette. Another I also remember is Father Quévillon. He would go through our field to Brunelle's picking mushrooms on his way back and stopping at our place to fry them, which he liked very much. I also know that uncle Charles Morneau, who had a grocery store across from the church, was a syndic of the parish.

In the year 1909, my grandfather and my father filed for homesteads in St. Edouard, a community about five miles from St. Paul. The following year in November, we were there, travelling by democrat; it took three days to get to our destination. By 1910, our family had increased to three more sisters, Beatrice, Yvonne and Leona. Yvonne died in St. Edouard at the age of seven. Another sister was born in St. Edouard. They are all gone; Beatrice and I are the only ones left of the family. January 1921, I married Adrien Alain, son of Simon Alain who had come from Leominster, Massachusetts and had filed a homestead in St. Paul in 1909.

In Beaumont, I had attended school from age seven till we moved to St. Edouard. Alas! for the next three years we were on the homestead and there was no school close by. Therefore my father took a machine agency and we moved to St. Paul. There, I attended the Catholic school, taught by the Sisters of the Assumption. Finishing grade 11, the inspector, Mr. Christo, gave permission to three girls to teach on permit, to enable us to earn our tuition to go to Normal School. Therefore, I taught about four years.

I must tell you I returned to Beaumont for our honeymoon. If I remember well, it was Father Normandeau who was priest there at the time. It was at the rectory we stayed, as it was a cousin who was housekeeper there.

ROYER, Jean

ROYER, Elise

By Jeannine (Royer) Goudreau)

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Jean Royer, son of Jean Royer and Zoé Brochu, was born in St. Charles de Bellechase, P.Q. in 1859, a brother to Pierre and Alphonse Royer. After his marriage to Elise Royer at Lambton, Québec in 1882, Jean and his wife went to live in Bartlett, New Hampshire, U.S.A. where the eldest son, Achille was born (1883). From there, they moved back to Québec where five more children were born: Omer (1886), Henri (1889), Amanda (1890), Adelard (1891), and Andre (1892).



It was in April of 1894 that Reverend Father Morin, a colonization agent, arrived by train from Montréal with a party of colonists. Jean Royer, his wife Elise and their six children were among the we colonists. Rev. Father Morin was to stay a month to assist in locating the members of the colony, then he would go back east to organize another group.

After looking things over, Jean and Elise decided to make Sandy Lake their permanent home. On July 13th, 1894, Jean applied for a homestead on Section 28-50-23-4, one mile south and 4 miles east of the little settlement on the hill, which was later named 'Beaumont' at the suggestion of Jean Royer.

Jean and Elise worked hard to clear the land, as did all of the homesteaders. Here are some of their activities taken from their application for patent of ownership. July to August 1894, cleared 5 acres of land. Sept. 1st 1894, began construction of house to finish in October that same year. Measurements of the house 18x20' at a value of \$30. Dug a well for water and spent first winter on the homestead.

April 20th, 1895 to July 15, away from the homestead to find work. 1895, broke 3 acres, cropped 8 acres. 1896, broke 2 acres, cropped 8 acres. 1897, broke 2 acres, cropped 10 acres. 1898 broke 5 acres, cropped 10 acres. His stock consisted of 19 horned cattle, 4 horses, and 3 pigs, also one stable, value of \$25, two granaries, value of \$40, two wells, value of \$20, one and one half miles of fencing at a value of %40.

Months away from the homestead were spent working on the Low Level Bridge or in British Columbia working in the lumber camps. On the 20th of July 1899, after having fulfilled the "Dominion Lands Act" homestead requirements, the land was issued in Jean's name. A few days later, a son Wilfrid was born. Philippe was born 4 years later and Aimé, the youngest, in 1906, but he died as a baby.

On June 6, 1901, Jean bought the S.E. quarter of Section 26-50-24-4; this land was bought from "The Governor and Company of Adventurers of England," trading into the Hudson's Bay, and on December 27, 1909. Jean also bought the N.E. quarter of Section 26-50-24-4. This land is adjacent to the N.W. quarter where the village of Beaumont is situated.

Jean and his family settled on this new parcel of land and Achille, the eldest, stayed on the homestead; now Jean would be closer to the village and to the school. A large house was built on the site, also a stable to house the accumulating stock, and more land had to be cleared.

It is said that the Royer home was opened to everyone and that Mrs. Royer was a very good coo, so it came to be the meeting place for the family as well as the neighbors.

Omer married Joséphine Beaudoin, adopted daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Morneau. (See ROYER, Omer story). Henri married Colombe Gravel in Beaumont, October 31, 1912. They settled on a farm 1 mile south and 2 miles east of Beaumont.

In 1915, Achille, the eldest of Jean's sons, married Zélia Ouellette. (See ROYER, Achille story). In 1917, the S.E. quarter of section 25-50-24-4 was transferred in Andre's name. Andre lived with Henri and his wife Colombe across the road so he would be close to clear the land on his quarter. In 1919, André married Lucille Bilodeau. (See ROYER, André story).

Jean Royer bought the N.W. quarter of section 25-50-24-4 in 1914 and in 1918 this land was transferred in Adélar's name. In 1920, Adélar married Alida Fournier. (See ROYER, Adélar story). In 1919. Jean bought a house and lot in the village of Beaumont, in front of the church, where they planned to retire.

Amanda, the only girl in the Royer family, married Célestin Caouette from Morinville, on the 28th day of December, 1925. They settled in Jean and Elise's house in the village. In 1926, Jean, Alphonse and Pierre's mother, Zoé. passed away at the age of 93 years.

Wilfrid married Elizabeth Charbonneau. (See ROYER, Wilfrid story). They made their home with Wilfrid's parents. The older couple had planned to retire in Beaumont, but it never came to be as Mrs. Royer's health deteriorated

very fast and a year later (1933) she passed away. Jean, her husband, died 2 years later. Philippe continued to live with Wilfrid and Elizabeth until his marriage to Emilienne Villeneuve. (See ROYER, Philippe story).

Jean and Elise's dream was to see their children settled close together and they were to retire in the village. This dream was realized but they did not live to enjoy it. Since then, all of the Royers have moved away from the Beaumont area to pursue their own dreams, except for Wilfrid Royer's family.

ST-JACQUES, Joseph
VALLÉE, Nellie
par M. et Mme Raymond St-Jacques
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Joseph St. Jacques was born at St. Scholastique, Québec, on December 2, 1883. He decided to come West with his two brothers and brother-in-law in 1905; the latter three remained in Saskatchewan and Joseph came to Alberta. He lived at the Roberges and worked here and there farming, or hauling hay to Edmonton with the horses. He worked wherever he could find employment.



Joseph married Nellie (daughter of Edmond Vallée) on November 7th, 1910 in the Beaumont church. He bought the place where we are now living; the same house that was built in 1912. There were some 80 acres that he cultivated. It was mostly lake down the hill; he fed a few cattle, chickens, etc... Joseph and Nellie had four children. Alice was born in 1912 and died when five months old; Emile was born on June 12, 1913, and was killed in an accident by a horse's hoof on August 21, 1934. Léontine was born on August 19, 1914, and died in a car accident on June 6, 1965.

Raymond was born on June 20, 1916. He married in 1937 to Anna Marie Royer (daughter of Alphonse and Marie Louise Royer). Mr. and Mrs. Joseph St. Jacques were helping the parish with such jobs as cleaning the church, decorating and so on. Mrs. St. Jacques was président of the "Dames de Ste-Anne". With the help of other ladies, she organized card parties, suppers, basket socials and other events. Nellie passed away on December 30, 1952, at the age of 60. Joseph died on August 12, 1969, at the age of 86 years.

ST-PIERRE, Arthur
CHATEL, Edna M.
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Arthur, son of Omère St. Pierre and Alphonsine Lebel, was born at Valleyfield, Québec on March 3, 1891. He arrived in Beaumont on June 2, 1924, with Father Gaborit, who had been named parish priest. Arthur was a lay-brother at the time. He made his home with Father Gaborit at the rectory. His job was to look after the rectory and the church.



In 1930, Arthur left the parish and also the religious community of which he was a member and moved to Edmonton. There, he met and married Miss Chattel. Arthur and his wife came back to Beaumont in 1931. It was during the depression so it was hard making a living. They lived on Eloi Chattel's property for a while. Arthur tried to earn money selling vegetables at the market but due to the hard times and his lack of experience it didn't work out. So, in the spring, he exchanged potatoes for hogs - one load for one hog. He was thus able to get a few hogs which he fed with barley and potatoes. He was then able to sell them for a small profit.

The following year, Arthur took care of Mr. Chattel's father-in-law who was 82 years old. After 14 months, the gentleman passed away, leaving Arthur six and a half acres of land down the hill, south of the village. In 1935, Arthur built the grotto on the southwest corner of the church yard. He was paid 75cents per day for his work.

Arthur and his family moved to Edmonton in 1940. Arthur worked at the University Hospital for a few years, then at the Cecil Hotel until 1950. Mr. and Mrs. St. Pierre had six children, five of whom were born in Beaumont. Thérèse (Gérard Ethier), Annette (Ron Chyzowski), Richard (Pauline Dansereau), Florence (M. Paiement), Edouard (Rachelle Mallaigre), and Rita (André Pelletier). Edouard passed away in 1980.

SOUCY, Charles-Émile
ST. PIERRE, Anna (1)
ROBITAILLE-BILODEAU, Elzire (2)
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Charles was born May 25, 1880 in St. Pascal, Kamouraska County in Québec, to parents Joseph Soucy and Delvina Landry. He was one of nine children. In 1906, he married Anna St. Pierre. After his father's death in 1911, he took over the family farm which he operated until the spring of 1916.

His wife's poor health prompted him to seek a western climate so in 1915, he came to Beaumont, Alberta to look for land and to visit his sister, Mrs. Alcide Bérubé. Since he did not speak English, he took Eugène Goudreau as an interpreter to Charles Ellett's to inquire about the Louchlan farm which was adjacent to Ellett's. He bought this farm which was located one mile east and two miles north of Beaumont before returning to Québec.

Upon his return, he proceeded to dispose of his farm operations in order to facilitate his move to Alberta. Three weeks before his move, his wife Anna died from complications arising from childbirth in which the twins also died.

He arrived in Beaumont the spring of 1916 with his two sons Joseph and Gérard, leaving his two younger children with relatives in Québec. His daughter Rose-Emma joined the family in 1919, followed by the youngest son, Charles-Eugène in 1923. His hardships were many, one of which was his inability to cook anything other than pancakes. As a result, the family ate pancakes morning, noon and night. This encouraged him to seek a wife whom he married April 4, 1920. Her name was Elzire Robitaille-Bilodeau.



The farm was very productive, thereby prompting his wife to make the decision to sell the produce at the Edmonton City Market. This they did every Saturday for the next twenty-five years. There was no direct road to the farm so they travelled through Ellett's farm, constantly opening and closing three gates.

In 1951, his home was burned to the ground. His wife was seriously burned and spent a long time in the hospital. He then moved to the village of Beaumont where he built a house across from Bellevue School where his grandson Edward and family live today. His wife returned to the hospital and passed away June 27, 1964. Towards the end of his life, Charles was placed in a nursing home where he passed away at the age of 89 years. Charles was always jovial and enjoyed life. He always saw the funny side of life and could tell anecdotes by the dozen. His children are Joseph, Gérard, Rose-Emma and Charles-Eugène.

Joseph was born November 15, 1907, in Québec. After his schooling, he worked with his father on the farm. During this time, he also had a grain chopper and wood sawing outfit which he took from farm to farm, chopping grain and sawing wood. After working in Saskatchewan for a few years, he returned to Québec. He married Lucille Leduc in Valleyfield, August 26, 1937. They are now living in St. Stanislas de Kostka, Québec. Their children are Yvan, Robert and Yolande.

Charles-Eugène, born April 18, 1911, had stayed in St. Pascal, Québec when his father went West to Alberta. After the remarriage of his father, he left the home of his Uncle Alfred to rejoin the family in Beaumont. He worked with his father on the farm. He married Priscilla Pay, July 15, 1941 and moved to a little bungalow he had built near his father's home. In the meantime, a fire destroyed the paternal home and after his father moved to his new house in the village, Charles built a new house at the spot where the old home stood. Illness got the best of him and he died March 18, 1959. Their children: Rosaire, Josephine, Arthur, Lucien, Remi, Pauline.

Rose-Emma was born July 27, 1912, in Québec. She moved to Alberta to rejoin her father when she was seven years old. At the age of twenty-two, she went to live with her brother, Joseph, in Valleyfield, Québec and later was married to Edward Faubert. She passed away November 18, 1949.

Gerard was born September 15, 1909. After attending school at Lac La Biche Convent and Sandy Lake School, he worked with his father on the farm, later taking over the grain chopper and wood saw from his brother Joseph. In the later 1920's, he joined his brother Joseph in Saskatchewan where they worked for two or three years. Gerard was not to see his brother again for 40 years until their father's death in 1969. He married Winnie Bilsborrow, October 11, 1936. They farmed 2 1/2 miles east of Beaumont, until they moved to Edmonton September 1, 1973. Gerard died September 29, 1973 - 28 days after his retirement. Their children are Joan and Edward.

Joan was born October 23, 1941. She married Steve Martynuik June 20, 1970. They are living in Edmonton with their two children, Paul and Christopher. Edward was born November 14, 1943. He worked with his parents on their farm until he married Liz Letawsky on October 26, 1963. The first year of their marriage was spent on an acreage 1 1/2 miles northeast of Beaumont. In 1964, they moved to his grandfather's house in Beaumont which they bought in 1970 and remodelled in 1976-77. Edward was employed in the Fiberglas Plant in East Edmonton for close to 10 years. In 1974, he started working for Spartan Controls in South Edmonton where he is presently employed as a salesman. Liz has been employed as a cashier at Woodward's since 1970. Their children are Marie, Gerard and Robert.

TELAWSKY, William
MOSCHENSKA, Mary A.
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Mary Moschenska left Austria, her native land, in 1895 and sailed to Canada. She landed in Québec and from there, came by train to Edmonton. It was not easy for her as Mary had no money and could not speak a word of English. She was fortunate enough to get a job at a hotel owned by Mr. and Mrs. Brunelle on the south side of Edmonton. There was no electricity, no running water, and also no gas, for heating. Mary's duties were to make beds, clean rooms, fill the lamps with coal oil, wash the chimney lamps, put water in pitchers - one for each room, and see that there were clean towels. She also helped Mrs. Brunelle with other housework as well as looking after Brunelle's three children.



William Telawsky was born in Austria. He left home in his early teens for the United States. He worked in a coal mine there for a few years then came to Edmonton where he met Mary Moschenska. William got a job with the Canadian Pacific Railroad. One day, William took a homestead nine miles southeast of Beaumont. He built a log house, broke a few acres of land, and dug a well by hand. This was all done in his spare time as he was still working for the C.P.R. In 1897, William and Mary got married and moved to the homestead. Every Monday, very early in the morning, William walked twenty-five miles to work in Edmonton, and walked back home every Friday evening after work. Mary would stay all by herself on the homestead. There were no neighbors for miles.

In the spring, Mary would put in a large garden with lots of potatoes and cabbages. She always made a barrel of sauerkraut and had potatoes for the year. They had bought a cow and, twice a day, Mary had to go fetch that cow home for milking. There were no fences; it was all open range and sometimes the cow would be as far as three miles from home. That cow enabled them to have milk, cream, butter and cottage cheese. In 1900, their first child was born: a girl which they named Annie.

Annie was born on a September afternoon when Mary was all alone. William was at work in Edmonton and as there were no neighbors, she was by herself. After she gave birth, she wrapped the baby in her apron and walked with the baby in her arms to get that cow home before dark. Luckily, the cow happened to be not too far away. When she got home with the cow, she wrapped the baby in a blanket, put her on the bed and went to milk the cow as usual.

William and Mary had six boys after Annie. The oldest boy was John, then Michael, Alex, Sam, Fred, and Peter. They all grew up on the homestead and all walked over three miles to Charest School. Annie was first to leave home. She married Arthur Croteau and lived near Looma, Alberta. Sam married Katie Telawsky from Daysland, Alberta, and also lived near Looma. Mike married Rolande Dagenais and lived nine miles southeast of Beaumont. Fred married Glenna Demers and lived eight miles northwest of New Sarepta, Alberta.

John married Thelma Gray from Wells, B.C. John was working in a gold mine there. Alex and Peter had a double wedding. Alex married Elsie Taiffe from Looma and Peter married Katherine Shelba from south of Cooking Lake, Alberta. Both couples lived southwest of Looma. William and Mary worked so very hard, especially Mary.

When they retired, they owned three quarters of land, had a herd of cattle, many horses, hogs, geese, turkeys, and chickens. In 1951, Mary passed away at the age of 84 years. William lived ten years longer and died at the age of 88 years. He was six years younger than Mary. They are now both resting in the cemetery at Beaumont.

TRIMBLE, James
HILL, Lydia Anne
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James Andrew Trimble applied for a homestead on June 15, 1891 on the S.W. 12-50-24-4, a mile east and three-quarters of a mile south of the Clearwater corner. James Andrew Trimble was born in 1842 near Ottawa, Ontario. He was the eldest of a family of ten children.

James married Lydia Anne Hill in 1866 near where he was born in Ontario. In late 1889, James and his oldest son John left Ontario and came to Calgary and on to Edmonton to look for land. James applied for the homestead at Clearwater and lived for three years in Edmonton on the south side of the river where the University now stands, on a rented farm.



In February of 1891, his wife, Lydia came by train to Calgary and by wagon to Red Deer to a brother-in-law's. She had the five small children with her, the youngest being 10 months old. James met his wife and children in Red Deer and drove them on to Edmonton by wagon. This trip was made only a few months before the train travelled to Edmonton.

Lydia was born in Ontario in 1846 to Irish parents. In February of 1894 they built an 18' x 24' log house with shingled roof on the homestead. James was a part time butcher in Edmonton and his son Ormy lived on the homestead. From 1896 to 1900, James and Lydia Trimble had a rooming house in Edmonton on the corner of 104th Street and Jasper Avenue. In 1891, Lydia described Edmonton as a small place, just over 500 people with four churches: Methodist, Presbyterian, English and Catholic. There were two hardware stores, two jewellery stores, two butcher shops, two blacksmith shops, a bakery and a number of dry goods and shoe stores, as well as four or five hotels.

Lydia described how the first snow came in October 1891 with a cold spell in late November, then it turned mild until a couple of days before Christmas. James Andrew Trimble had a sister who went to China as a missionary in 1891 and the family wrote to her quite often. The postmaster in Edmonton mentioned that these were the first letters that were ever sent to China from that post office. It took up to seventy days for mail to arrive in China.

On Section 12, three quarters of land were homesteaded, one by James Andrew Trimble, one by Mr. Kettyl, a third by a Willie Kettyl and the fourth quarter remained vacant. On March 18, 1895 James gave the Methodist Church of Canada one acre of land in the northwest corner of his farm. On May 2, 1896 at the Church Service held on Missionary Day, the offering totalled \$2.85.

In December, 1899, James got title to the homestead and sold it in April, 1900 to Gus Fulton. James and Lydia moved back to Edmonton and bought a farm just south of the present Strathcona Refinery. They had a rooming house on 98th Street and Jasper Avenue for a few years. In 1907, James, his wife and son, Ormy, moved to Vancouver. They sold their Stratheona farm in 1911.

James Andrew Trimble and Lydia Anne Trimble had six children, all born in Ontario: John Henry - born 1869, married Annie May Fulton in 1893 and died in 1919 at Vegreville, Alberta; Ida - date of birth unknown, married Fred Battrick in 1898 and died at Edmonton, Alberta in 1906; Ormy - born in 1876, married Ellen Hudson in 1912 in Yakima Washington, died in 1936 in Everett, Washington; Janie - date of birth unknown, married Jack MacDonald, died in Seattle, Washington; Lydia - born in 1883, married Harry Leggott in 1910, died in 1935; Myrtle - born in 1890, married John Delong in 1911, died in 1944 at Nanaimo, British Columbia. James Andrew Trimble died in Vancouver, British Columbia in 1915 and Lydia Anne (Hill) Trimble died in Vancouver, British Columbia, in 1911.

**TWEDDLE, Newton
TAYLOR, Elizabeth
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The Tweddle family originated in Tow Law, Durham, England. Newton was born on October 17, 1854, and his wife Elizabeth (née Taylor) was born on May 14, 1854. Newton had a blacksmith shop in Tow Law and to this day it still stands. It has been said by "word of mouth" that he shod Queen Victoria's horses. Newton and Elizabeth had four children: William, Arthur, Elizabeth and Mary. William (Will) worked as a ticket agent for the railroad.



The Tweddles all sailed for Canada and arrived in Leduc on June 9, 1906. They settled on a homestead in the Clearwater district on N.W. 9-50-24-4. Newton built a blacksmith shop and once again did blacksmithing. Newton passed away in 1918, predeceased by his wife in 1913. They are both buried in the Clearwater district. Arthur farmed east of the home place; he also did blacksmithing. He died in 1937 and was buried in Clearwater.

Will carried on farming and blacksmithing on the home place. In December, 1920, he went back to Tow Law on a visit and returned in March, 1921. He married Mabel Grece on April 18, 1921. Mabel was born in St. Vincent de Paul, Que. Mabel was an employee of Henry Birks in Montreal until she married Will. They settled in the new house that Will built, which still stands. Will built all the buildings on their farm and many of the neighbors' buildings also. Carpentry was a hobby for Will more than it was work. Mabel could speak French fluently and was able to converse with her French speaking neighbors. They were both active in church and school affairs. Will sang in the choir and was on the Board of Trustees for the school for many years.

They have 3 children. Dorothy, born in 1923, married Jim Tracey. They have 5 sons and live in Edmonton. Jack, born in 1924, now lives in Palo Alto, California. Robert, born in 1927, farmed and lived on the farm place until 1965. He has 2 sons: Ronald who lives in Vancouver and Perry who lives in Peachland. Robert married Edna McAdam from Three Hills. In 1965 they moved to Edmonton and now have settled in Peachland, B.C. Will died June 21, 1965. The farm was sold that year and Mabel moved to Edmonton and lived there until her death on October 31, 1977.

Elizabeth married Robert Douglass and lived in Edmonton until their death. Mary married Harry l'anson in 1910. They lived in the Clearwater district for a few years and settled in Duncan, B. C., until their death.

VALLÉE, Edmond
PICARD, Évangéline (1)
COFFEE, Eugénie (2)
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Edmond was born at St. Alban, Québec, and baptized in St. Casimir on November 30, 1869. He first married Evangéline Picard in the United States. They had six children, Délia, Nellie, Arthur, Eva, Edouard and Henri. Evangéline passed away on October 17, 1898 at the age of 27.

One year later, Edmond married a widow, Eugénie Coffee, née Calage. Eugénie was already the mother of one daughter. They had six children: Blanche, Henri, Almina, Eric, Wilfrid and Marie. The family farmed land which belonged to François Vallée. Edmond helped in the construction of the church in Beaumont, which later burned. He passed away in 1944.



VAUGEOIS, Joseph
RHÉAULT, Léonie
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Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Vaugois arrived from St. Roch, Québec, with their ten children in 1910 and settled in Beaumont, in the Clearwater school district. After four and a half years, Joseph bought another farm in the village so as to be near the school. Their new house was built where the present west part of the Bellevue School now stands. The family moved to Legal in 1928.

Maria, the fifth child, joined the religious order "Les Filles de Jésus", after completing her grade 11, going to the noviciats in France. She attended Normal School in Calgary, obtaining a teachers certificate. She then taught 20 years in Morinville and 12 years in Vimy. She was Provincial of "Les Filles de Jésus" from 1958 to 1965. Sr. Maria then taught in Picardville then in Lac La Biche. In 1972, Sr. Maria celebrated the Golden Jubilee of her religious life among family and friends. She now lives at Maison St-joseph in Edmonton.



BÉRUBÉ, Marie
HINSE, Ferdinand (1)
VAUGEOIS, Alexandre (2)
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Marie was born April 5th, 1875 at St. Pierre-Baptiste, Québec. Her father was Aristobule Bérubé and her mother was Marie Lambert. As a young girl she moved with her family to Lewiston, Maine where, with her sisters, she had to work in the cotton mills, making businessmen's suits.



Back in Québec, she married Ferdinand Hinse in 1896 and went to live at Ste-Julie with his parents.

Ferdinand died November 24, 1909 at the age of 44, possibly of asthma. They had ten children: Euclide, Graziella, Albert, Irénée, Diana, Alice, Marie-Jeanne, Lucie who died at 5 months of age, Aimé and Anne-Marie.

In the meantime, her brother Pierre was coaxing his brothers and sisters to move West where land was cheap and everything was wonderful. She decided to settle out West, boarding the train at Ste-Julie with her young family. After 4 days and 3 nights on the train and many delightful adventures, she arrived in Beaumont. Interestingly, they were on the same train as the large L'Heureux family who were also heading for Beaumont. Upon arrival in 1912, she settled on Dargis' farm, east of Beaumont, then owned by Joseph Durocher and later sold to the Bilodeau family.

She had left Quebec with \$1,500.00 in her possession and upon arrival bought a team of horses, 2 mares, 3 and 4 years old, for the sum of \$400.00. Then she bought a wagon for \$100.00 and a good set of harnesses for \$50.00. It was possible that her father-in-law had paid the train passage for the family. The first summer after their arrival, Grandfather Hinse paid a surprise visit to the family and returned once again after the move to the Shield farm, each time leaving them a \$100.00 bill. The Shield farm, located 5 1/2 miles south of Beaumont, had been purchased for the sum of \$2,000.00 with \$1,000.00 down. While there, some of the children attended Plante School.

Soon after, she married Alexandre Vaugeois, a widower with 3 sons, with whom she had two daughters, Fleurette and Annette. With the exception of her oldest son, Euclide, who went back East, she took her whole family and went to reside with him. The children walked to Clearwater School two and half miles away and later used a horse and buggy to attend the French Catholic Charest School.

In 1928, the family moved to the hamlet of Beaumont where they managed a pool room even after Alexandre's death. Marie was a gifted seamstress and was always sewing for her family and neighbors. Her daughters were married and lived in the neighborhood; her sons settled on farms. She was active with the Ladies' Altar Society and was always ready to help the priest with church vestments. Marie died at the age of 70 in June of 1944.

VILLENEUVE, Joseph
GOBEIL, Louisia
par Laurette Alberta Goudreau
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June 20, 1904, brought Joseph Villeneuve and Louisia Gobeil together in marriage in Québec. As their family grew, they set their sights westward to give their children a chance at success. A few years brought them and two children, Anita and Eugène, along with an uncle, Adelard Maltais, and his seven children, to Edmonton.



In 1907, they purchased a quarter section one and a quarter miles south of Beaumont. Here grew a family of eleven children: eight sons and three daughters. Yvonne died at the age of five from diphtheria. Little by little, the family left home. Thérèse joined the congrégation of the Sisters of Misericordia. Eugène went to work in the mines at Coal Valley. He later moved to Edmonton with his family. George and Roland continued farming with their father. The girls helped their mother at home, working in the field when necessary.

Joseph and Louisia moved to Beaumont, leaving the farm to their sons. In 1954, they celebrated their golden wedding anniversary. The following year, Joseph passed away. Eugène passed away in 1962 and Louisia died in 1960. Jeannette (Mrs. Aimé Lavigne) is the only one of the children who still lives in Beaumont. Anita (Mrs. Alexandre Bilodeau), lives in Vancouver; Bernadette (Mrs. Adelard Magnan), Laurette (Mrs. Fernand Goudreau), Germaine (Mrs. Maurice Magnan), Emilienne (Mrs. Philippe Royer), and Roland, (Solange LeBlanc), live in Edmonton; George, (Thérèse Mongrain), lives in Québec.

WILKERSON, George Wallis
BILL, Florence Mabel
by Wallis Wilkerson
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Our father was born in 1862 in Cambridge, England where he was educated as an architect. When it became difficult, his mother sent her three sons, George (Dad), William and Jim to Clay County, Kansas to learn to farm. After a year, Dad went out to work for himself but his brothers stayed the required three years. While there, he met Florence Mabel Bill and married her in 1891.



Dad came from Kansas to Leduc by rail in 1894 with his brother Bill and a close friend, Taff Buckle. At that time, Leduc, N.W.T. consisted of just one store and the train depot. Ted Buckle, Taff's dad, had come out the year before to locate a homestead which was in the Conjuring Creek area (now Wizard Lake). The settlers' rail rates included stock so they arrived with a team of horses, a wagon, a plow and their 44 carbine.

They built log cabins with sod roofs and glass windows on all three homesteads, and in 1895, Mother came to Canada with the Buckle family. It was a long trip for Mother; Annie was two and Thomas was just a babe in her arms. They lived there for three years at which time I was born. Because I was so fair, the Indians were fascinated by this first "White Baby" and they thoroughly frightened my mother. However, she soon realized it was just their friendly ways and stopped hiding me.

To pay for groceries Dad shot coyotes at 50 cents each. He was a good hunter so we ate game and rabbits. He made his own cartridges by melting foil from around the tea packages and pouring it into his mold. He bought his own steel shells and would save and refill them. I remember he had his own repair kit and would fix and make shotgun shells. He traded with the Indians for whitefish during the winter months.

He went with friends on horseback to the North Saskatchewan River to pan for gold. It was a long ride, but he told me he could average about 50 cents a day. With these earnings, he purchased a cow and chickens. In 1898, Kate was born. At this time, word had come across country about the Louis Riel Rebellion and many a settler wondered how soon they would be attacked. However, one morning when Dad went out, he could smell skunks in every direction. Upon further investigations, he realized that scent bags hung in the surrounding trees. Not understanding, he asked the Indians why they'd hung scent bags there and the friend explained it was for their protection as "Indian friends". The Indians never did cross the North Saskatchewan River but Dad did not wait. He removed the scent bags immediately saying: "I'd rather take a chance on the Indians! "

That same year, he moved his family to the Clearwater district because Florence was sick and it was closer to doctors. However, at this time, Edmonton's two doctors, Drs. Braithwaite and Gordon were battling a smallpox epidemic among the Indians there. It was always difficult to locate them as people were still fording the North Saskatchewan River.

Dad established his permanent home on C.P.R. land which he purchased for 3 dollars an acre. In the centre of the 3 quarter sections, he built a small 1-room log house for the first winter. Using spruce from along the creek bank, he started his first barn with a lean-to granary but he had to begin breaking land immediately. As soon as possible, he built on a two-storey frame house with 2 bedrooms upstairs and a bedroom and living room downstairs, the log house remaining as the kitchen. All the lumber was hauled in, even though our trees were quite large. Some were 16 inches in diameter but the sawmill was too far away for us to go so the wood was piled and burnt. As we began to milk more cows, Dad built an additional shed.

Unfortunately, one day when I was 4, Dad caught me squirting milk back at Tom who was already 6 and had been taught to milk. He soon made me understand that if I could do that, I could milk cows, and this I did. Shortly after, we shipped the first can of cream to Edmonton City Dairy by rail. Within a few years we were milking 50 cows. However, suddenly the cheques were not as large, although the cream shipped was the same and prices also remained unchanged. So Dad decided to ride the train and discover exactly what was happening. It seems the trainmen had decided his was the richest so each man had his own jar and filled it on arrival at the Edmonton depot. It was then agreed that all cream cans would be locked.

The first school was opened on the present site in 1901 or 1902. Dad, Sherm Johnson and Bill Heatley were the first school trustees. Nan, Tom and I started with Miss Wizbach as the first teacher. We walked along the Clearwater creek bank until we passed Xavier Lambert's place, then straight to school. Some of the other children were: Billy, Maudey, Harry, and Edie Heatley, Dolly, Tommy, Harry and Del Johnson, Johnny Woods, Billy Townsend and his sister, 3 McDowell girls, Ingram, Tommy, George, Mabel and Prince Elliott and Killiam Demers and his brother.

After 5 or 6 years in Clearwater, Dad traded stock for the southwest quarter of his Section 17 that Demers had owned. The Clearwater road had finally been built (Airport Road) by team and scraper. But what was more important was the bridge across Clearwater creek. It was a very steep bank and a poor crossing, so for years, the traffic had followed the creek along the north bank for several miles until it bisected the present road again. A lot of homesteaders were selling out and following their young families to new areas. Dad bought some stock from them. However, with the new bridge and road, many new families arrived.

Dad now decided it was a good time to move his house to the new site. Using a cross-cut saw, he sawed off the log kitchen. He skidded the log buildings over with a team of 4 horses but had Mike Forrester come with his steam engine to move the frame house. To avoid crossing the gully, they had to go through a swampy field and got stuck. They solved the problem by putting planks and 8" log rollers under the house for the next one half mile. However, as Dad was laying the roller in the front someone shouted "Go" and they pulled it up so the building rolled and crushed his fingers badly. What should have taken a few hours took till midnite. I milked 16 cows with Mother's help but she had seldom milked. We left the two "kickers" for Dad to milk when he came home.

Now that he was on his permanent site, Dad began to plan in earnest. He built the barn 30' x 60' with 2 lean-tos 18' wide; one for horses and one for calves and chickens. Later, we had a milkhouse and an ice house which we filled with ice that we had cut from Saunders Lake and then we covered the ice with sawdust. As for the first log house, we boys often slept there as it was cool in summer. Later, it became the wash house. I remember Dad roping the horse he wanted as we drove them past. The herd had grown considerably as we had 16 or 17 colts a year. The smaller horses were broken to saddle and the bigger ones to harness for the fields. There was always lots of feed to haul or chores to do, so I often missed school to help my father in the fields.

Many of the horses that he raised were sold to men seeking their fortune in the Klondike. One can well imagine the children's glee when the two Scots attired in kilts arrived on the train from Montreal. They bought a team and wagon with supplies to set off for the gold rush. One more returned years later.

Some of his horses were trained by the 19th Dragoon Cavalry. In 1912, Tom and I went with Len Postill by train to Calgary for 2 weeks. We supplied our own mounts, shoes, and stetsons (like the RCMP dress hat). We were issued a dress uniform with red serge coat and blue pants with a yellow stripe down the side. Dad sent extra mounts as they were short of horses. It was a full night's ride in the boxcar before we arrived at camp. Horses were also traded for the first family car, a CASE, in 1910. This car proved to be so heavy and cumbersome for the muddy roads that we usually took horse and buggy. Then, in 1913, he got a "Willis Knight"; I took mother and our family to church with it. When T.B. inspection for cattle became mandatory, vets discovered that the whole herd had been infected by one animal that had been impounded. Needless to say, the whole herd was destroyed.

My mother kept a diary and saved all the old brown paper bags and any extra books or papers to write her notes on. It was often used for reference when exact dates were forgotten, once by the municipality for tax purposes. Mother made lots of jam and jelly from wild strawberries, raspberries, saskatoons, black currants, chokecherries, cranberries and gooseberries. Most of these fruits were on our own land and down in the Blackmud Flat. Mother used old whiskey bottles, cutting the top off with kerosene and string. There was no wax, so she topped them with a horseradish leaf fresh out of the garden and tied a cloth over it.

I remember her ordering groceries from Eaton's in Winnipeg, figs in 50 lb. bags, also prunes and apples in 20 lb. boxes, tins of tea and biscuits. These came by freight train to Leduc. We also ordered the first gramophone and radio from Eaton's. All the neighbors gathered at our home to listen; and how the ladies laughed! My mother

was a very active church member and a lifetime member of the Women's Missionary Society. She always found time to help and visit anyone who was sick even though she raised a large family herself.

Annie married Bert Wilkerson in Vegreville, (deceased); Thomas married Agnes McColman, (deceased); Wallis married Helen McClarty, now at Winfield, B.C.; Kate married Fred Smith, (deceased); George, (deceased); Fred married Lola Burkholder, (deceased); Minnie married Cy Borton, (deceased); Janie Olive died at the age of 6. Martha and Nellie both died as babies. Mae married Ralph Muir and now resides in Edmonton. Betty married George Campbell and they have now retired to Kelowna, B. C.

After retirement, Dad made his own golf course of treeless rocky gumbo land where he played golf with his friends. He especially liked to golf with Rev. Murphy, who was the Leduc Anglican Minister, but to us, was affectionately known as "Spuds".

As the boys were all grown, Fred bought one quarter section, Wallis another and George Jr. farmed the last 2 quarters with Dad. Thomas had previously moved to a farm near New Sarepta. George was predeceased by his wife Flora on November 3, 1932 and his son George Jr. on January 27, 1938. He passed away at his farm home on April 4, 1938. Present living members of his family are Wallis, of Winfield, B.C.; Mae (Mrs. Ralph Muir), of Edmonton, and Betty (Mrs. George Campbell), of Kelowna, B. C.