

away. Raymond enlisted in the Signal Corp and they decided to sell the farm and buy an acreage near Edmonton. Donald enlisted as a stoker in the Navy, where he saw many parts of the world. Raymond married Margaret Patrick and they have 3 children; Raymond, Jr., Patrick and Gary. Raymond's wife died with cancer and he remarried. His wife, Muriel is an excellent helpmate. He is employed by the B.C. Hydro. Donald married Almina Loomis and they have 2 children; Dawn Marie and Jodi-Lynne. Donald is affiliated with the Calgary Power. The youngest daughter married Alfred McCready and their 2 children are; Brian and Susan.

They moved from the acreage and Charlie spent 14 years with Adams Greenhouses. In 1964 they moved to Chilliwack for 4 years but came back to Edmonton where they hope to stay. They recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. (1968)

HISTORY OF THE DOWLING FAMILY submitted by Mr. and Mrs. Earl Dowling

The Dowlings, father Ezra and sons John, James, William and Wesley, emigrated to the Clover Bar district in 1897. They came from North Dakota where they had been farmers. Earl, John's son, was 2 years old when they arrived here. They remained on their farm for a few years and then moved to Edmonton and established the Dowling Milling Company. Later they entered the laundry business and owned and operated the Snowflake Laundry for some years. There were four children in the John Dowling family. Their names were Charles, Earl, Ella and Ethel. While in Edmonton they lived on Fraser Avenue and attended the Metropolitan Presbyterian Church (now Central United). Earl and Charlie while attending school, worked part time at the laundry. After completing high school the two brothers came back to the farm to work together on the place still occupied by Earl and his family.

They purchased the three quarters of land from P. C. Hamilton who had homesteaded there in 1892 on his arrival from England. He and his wife, the former Miss Phillips (a nurse from England) had farmed until 1912, when Earl and Charlie took it over. They batched for some time with some help in the cooking line from their mother, dad and sisters, who spent much time at the farm.

Charlie married Myrtle Smith of Woodbend in 1916. Shortly after, Earl joined the army and left for overseas. He spent approximately two years in Europe, then returned to marry his fiancée, Eva Bailey of Namao. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bailey, old-timers who had settled in the Namao area in 1884.

Charlie and Earl continued to farm together for many years but as the families increased and grew older, Charlie decided to purchase a farm in the Garden district while Earl remained on the original farm. Earl and Eva had seven children, four boys and three girls, between 1920 and 1934. Times were very difficult and

raising and educating a large family was a gigantic task. However, they realized the importance of education and each child was provided with the opportunity to receive as much as was financially possible. Clifford the eldest boy, whose first love was farming, chose to remain on the farm and work in partnership with his dad. He is married to Sheila Gunn of Ypres Valley and they have two children, Lloyd and Ralph, who are attending school at Ardrossan. Sheila is presently teaching at Fort Saskatchewan. Kathleen chose teaching and worked for several years in the Clover Bar area before her marriage to Peter Laanstra, an Edmonton bus driver. Since then she has returned to teaching at various times, serving on the staffs of Ritchie, and King Edward schools. She has two children; Earl, now working at Goodyear Tire in Calgary and Marion who plans to take nursing after completing her Grade 12.

Arthur became an electrician. He served his apprenticeship and attended Technical school in Calgary until he received his journeyman's certificate and has since obtained his Master Electrician Diploma from N.A.I.T. Arthur married Heather Bell Singer of Edmonton, and they live on the family farm. Heather Bell is presently employed as Supervisor of the school libraries for the County of Strathcona. Bill and Bob chose university. Both graduated with B.Sc. degrees in electrical engineering and went on to receive three years of extra training with Canadian General Electric in the East. Bill is now employed as a Plant Electrical Engineer by Alberta Power Ltd. He married Mary Norman, who was a nurse at Medicine Hat. They have four sons; Brian now at University, Norman, David and Darren. Bob is now a senior professional engineer in charge of the Department of Electrical Inspection, switch gear section, for Canadian Standards Association in Toronto. He is married to Lillian Amundsen of Edson. Lillian is also a nurse. They have two sons and a daughter; Kenneth, Kathy and Stuart.

Lois graduated as a nursing Aide. She worked for some time in Southern Alberta before her marriage to Mario Abrue who is employed in the Firestone Tire Plant. She has a son and a daughter; Donald and Marjorie. Margaret, upon completing Grade 12, took a business course at McTavish Business College. After graduating, she worked in an Insurance Company office until her marriage. She married John Patton who has a master's degree in Geology and works with Gulf Oil in Calgary. They have one son, David John who is attending school in Calgary.

In 1969 Eva and Earl celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. All of the children and grandchildren were present. Friends and neighbors turned out by the dozens to make this the most momentous occasion of their lives, rivalling even the original wedding day of November 19, 1919. Earl continues to work with Clifford on the farm and Eva manages to keep her new

little home where family and neighbors still show their love and friendship in their frequent visits.

A house is built of logs and stones,

Of tiles and posts and piers.

A home is built of loving deeds

That stand a thousand years.

We established and maintained a real home in our beloved community.

THE JAMES DRYSDALE FAMILY written by Anna and Sid Drysdale

James Drysdale was born at Tatamagouche Mt., Nova Scotia on January 14, 1851. He was married in 1887 to Georgia Geddes of New Annan, Nova Scotia (born January 4, 1868). James Drysdale came to Strathcona in June 1905 and moved to Clover Bar in February 1906. He had a family of six children — Roy, John McKeen, Sidney, Margaret, George and Mabel. Margaret passed away in 1906, James (the father) in 1907, Georgia (the mother) in 1920, and Roy in 1954.

History

In June, 1905 James Drysdale left his wife and six children in Tatamagouche, Nova Scotia, and journeyed to the Edmonton area of Alberta in quest of more land for his growing family. After looking around he bought 320 acres in the McKernan Lake area. Then he returned to Nova Scotia to dispose of his land there. On January



Clover Bar School — 1907.

6, 1906 he arrived at Strathcona with his family and a carload of settlers' effects. The family were settled in the Dominion Hotel in Strathcona for a few weeks while the father did some more scouting around. It was there that the boys saw their first motor car and "wondered what that thing was". In February James Drysdale bought a quarter section of land nine miles east of Edmonton in the Clover Bar district. This land had some buildings on it and the four boys were moved out forthwith. Being staunch Presbyterians the family lost

no time in identifying themselves with the local Presbyterian Church at Homewood. Here, they met among others, the Keiths, Huttons, Smeltzers, and Fultons. In the summer of 1906 Mr. Drysdale acquired a quarter section of land on the school section, two miles southeast of the home quarter. Tragedy struck the family in August, 1906 when Margaret passed away suddenly at the age of 13. This was followed by the death of James on November 15, 1907, leaving his widow to carry on with the help of the boys. There were four boys and two girls in the family — Roy, the eldest had attended Dalhousie College in Halifax so enrolled in the Law faculty in the first class of the University of Alberta. He graduated in 1912.

Mac and Sid worked on the farm and hauled coal to Edmonton from the Clover Bar mines. Mrs. Drysdale carried on with the Post Office which they had taken over from the Doze's in 1906. In 1912 Sid took a team of horses to Fort George to work on the Grand Trunk Railway. Mac had decided to homestead at Brownvale, Alberta. Mac and Roy joined the armed forces in 1914 and served in the First World War. Sid was elected to run the farm with the help of young George.

Sid married Anna Ganong, a local teacher from New Brunswick, in 1918. They farmed the home place for ten years, then in 1928 moved their young family of four to the Clairmont district in the Grande Prairie area. They eventually had six children — four boys and two girls.

Mrs. Drysdale, Sr., passed away in 1920 at the age of 51.

In 1924 George married Olivia Bennet, formerly of St. John, New Brunswick. They had two daughters.

Mac married Lola Van Camp of Clover Bar in 1925. They had four children, two girls and two boys.

In 1926 Roy married Charlotte Thomson, who passed away in 1941. Roy passed on in 1954 leaving one son and two daughters.

Mabel married James Marshall in 1920. There was one son, Robert. In 1929 she remarried, to Eddie Paulin and they had one son and one daughter.

H. D. "DOUG" DUNCAN by Elsie A. Duncan

In the spring of 1922 my husband H. D. "Doug" Duncan moved from the dried out area near Monitor, Alberta, to a farm in the Bremner district owned by Mr. C. H. Trueman. Doug was joined in 1923 by his mother, Mrs. Sarah Duncan and her three motherless grandchildren, Cleva, Doris and Robert.

Cleva, Doris and Bob attended North Clover Bar School until about 1925. At that time they made their home in Edmonton with their grandmother.

In 1926 Doug and I were married by Rev. Dr. McQueen who had married my parents many years before in Edmonton, then a pioneer village.

My husband's family came from the Sarnia area of Ontario.