

Their children are:

a) John Halldor Martin, manager of Trans X trucking firm, married Carol Robinson, R.N., of Imperial, Saskatchewan. They have two sons, David John and Dennis Cameron.

b) Lilja Valdina (Val) graduated from the Winnipeg General as an R.N. in 1965. She married Donald Duncan of Winnipeg, who is Manager of Marketing Sales in the Prairie Region for the C.P.R. Their children are Jason Andrew, Erin Jeanine, Matthew George and Hugh Jeremy.

c) Gunnlaugur Sigmar (Sig) is an accomplished violinist and teacher. He is a member of the London, Ontario Symphony Orchestra. He married Deborah Armstrong of Inglis, Manitoba and received his Bachelor of Music Education on June 30, 1972. They have one son, Graham Todd.

d) Pauline Una received her Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Music from Indiana University. She married Haukur Asgeirsson and is presently at Michigan State University in Ann Arbor studying for her Doctorate in Music, Piano Performance.

e) Melvin Douglas is a concert violinist with a Bachelor of Music from Indiana University. He is presently studying for his Master's degree in Music, Violin performance.

Páll Pálsson, by age 14, had chosen farming for his vocation and from then on he dedicated his life to the "Geysir" farm. Although Páll's first love was his dad's team of horses, he, in co-operation with his parents, was always anxious to replace the old and outdated methods of machinery with the new and more efficient equipment.

As is evident, his responsibilities gradually increased and he eventually became chief operator and owner of the Geysir farm. In addition, for more production of hay and grain, he bought SW 8-22-3E. Páll's parents made their home with him at Geysir until Una, due to illness, had to go the St. Benedict's Manor (nursing home) at Arborg. She died on December 16, 1966, after a lengthy illness and Jón, in failing health, went to Betel in Gimli, where he resided until his death in 1980.

In 1973, due to illness, Páll sold all of his farm property. The Geysir farm and home he sold to his nephew, Hermann Pálsson. Páll presently lives in Arborg, has worked for the Hudson's Bay Company in the North West Territories and is now employed by a construction company.

Sigrún Pálsson was a loyal supporter and helper in the "Geysir" home and, while at home, with minimal musical training, became a good pianist and a skilled, self-taught accordian player. She was an important member of the Geysir orchestra until she left for Winnipeg in her late twenties where she completed a secretarial course at the Success Business College. She has worked for Manitoba

Hydro for approximately 30 years, during which time she took some vocal training and for some time belonged to the Winnipeg Philharmonic Choir. She presently resides in Winnipeg.

Johannes Pálsson married Olga Holm (born May 31, 1919, daughter of Egill and Aðalrós Holm, see Viðir book (Beyond the Marsh, p. 42) on August 1, 1942.

After she was widowed, she sold her home and earned her living at odd jobs and as a domestic. On June 17, 1971, she married Thorberg Johannesson of Viðir and they live there on his family farm.

Johannes built "a little house in the woods", as he called it, on his father's farm. Joe's Aunt Joa named it Skógarlundi (Woodland Glen). The lumber was logged by the Pálsson brothers and sawn by their brother-in-law, Halldór Martin, on his mill. Joe owned the farm 10-22-3E, but he never lived on it. It is now rented by Richard Nordal. Joe's life was varied as he was versatile and gifted in many things besides his first love, music. Besides all aspects of farming, he was also maintenance man of the farm machinery, welding and inventing as the need arose and doing motor tune-ups and carpentry. There are many houses and other buildings in the area to his credit and he was a fine finishing carpenter and painter. During the Second World War, he raised pigs for the war effort. After that, he went back to teaching violin and musical theory in the Arborg and Riverton area and playing for dances throughout New Iceland. His best known pupils, besides his nephews Sigmar and Melvin Martin, are Johnny and Kris Johannesson of the Riverton Orchestra. Joe was gifted with a perfect ear for sound, so taught himself piano tuning. He worked in that capacity during slack periods on the farm. He also reconditioned pianos inside and out, and did violin repairs. He always aimed for perfection in all his work.

Joe and his brother, Páll, owned and operated a threshing machine for a few years. They also bought the first chain saw in the Arborg area. This saw was called "Precision" and cost \$475.00 from Montreal in 1945-46. It weighed 60 pounds with a full gas tank. The noise of the motor could be heard for five miles on a clear, frosty day. This saw is still in existence.

Johannes Pálsson died at his home on February 24, 1970.

The children of Johannes and Olga Pálsson are:

a) Una Rosalind graduated from the Winnipeg General Hospital School of Nursing as an R.N. in 1965. She works part-time at the Arborg Memorial Hospital and Interlake Medical Centre. She is a gifted pianist and is always willing to play piano