

CHARLES CORBETT AND NORMAN CHARLES BROWN

Mr. Brown and his brother, Harry came to Manitoba from Haldimand County, Ontario. They came first on harvesters' excursions in the early 1900's to the Oak River area where their uncle Will Smyth lived. Two other brothers, Murray and Allen were already established, Murray at Wheatland farming and Allen at Bradwardine as a jeweller, Allen and family later moved south of McConnell to farm. Both left to go to Alberta around 1910.

In 1907, Corbett bought 18-15-22, and early records show this land was previously owned by Lindsays, James and Robert Michael, Seneca Palmer, Frank Middleton and J. Mills. In 1887 the rural council of Blanshard passed a motion to refund taxes to quite a number including Robert Michael, due to prairie fires.

Corbett and Harry worked together, renting other land as well. Their mother and sisters, Maggie and Lulu came out also. Both sisters were married from this home, Lulu in 1908, returning to Ontario and Maggie to Medford Forster of Beulah in 1909. They farmed in Crandall area, then moved to Strome Alberta.

Harry married Annetta Moffat (daughter of T.C. Moffat of Holylea) in 1910. They rented the W. Sheardown farm 7-15-22 where their daughter Muriel was born. They later moved to Daysland, Alberta.

Corbett and Evelyn Saunders of Fort William, Ontario were married in 1912. Mrs. Brown Sr., then made her home with members of her family until her death in 1924. Evelyn was a pianist so the home had music and visitors usually would join in a "sing" around the piano. With no radio or TV families would visit and make their own entertainment.

Interests centred around the church, school and community, visiting at the store or blacksmith shop on train nights when families came for groceries or mail, etc.

Evelyn's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Saunders made their home with the Browns for a number of years. Mr. Saunders died in 1927 and his wife in 1933.

Corbett was Sunday School superintendent for over 20 years, served on the church board, pool elevator board and took great interest in farm meetings. He enjoyed people. He raised Shorthorn cattle and took pride in the herd of C.C. and N.C. Brown, Poplar Park Farm. Evelyn