

D. W. RUSSELL
Written by O. L. Russell

PART I

Delbert Warren Russell was born near Kewadin, Michigan in 1890. He came to the Elmore district, near Carievale, Saskatchewan, in 1914.

Delbert married Lucy Fleming of Nottingham, Saskatchewan. Lucy was born in the Otter district west of Deloraine, Manitoba in 1897. Their family of three boys and one girl follows:

Orville, born at Alida, Saskatchewan, Doris, born in Michigan, U. S. A., Harold, born at Storthoaks, Saskatchewan, Lloyd, born at Storthoaks, Saskatchewan.

Delbert stayed to work for the C. P. R. in 1921 at Storthoaks, Saskatchewan. In April, 1934 Lucy passed away in her 37th year at Alida, Saskatchewan.

Orville now resides at Dand (See O. L. Russell History). Doris, who married Basil Arthur in September, 1939 resides on the Arthur home farm 12 miles southwest of Redvers, Saskatchewan. The Arthur families: Ross married Diane Larsen, Rose Valley, Saskatchewan. He teaches at Coronach, Saskatchewan, their family—Dawn, Jayne, Bonnie. Gayle married Ken Wood, Corning, Saskatchewan, and resides in Swift Current, Saskatchewan—family, one son, Steven. Brian attends school in Alida, Saskatchewan and has taken Red Cross swimming lessons at Dand for four years. Neil attends school in Alida.

Harold married Isabel Perry of Deloraine, Manitoba and resides in Alida, Saskatchewan. Children: Trina married Ray Needham, resides in Oxbow, Saskatchewan. Family, one son, Jeffrey. Paul attends school in Saskatoon. Twins: Brent and Craig, attend school in Alida. Robin attends school.

Lloyd attended Dand School Grades 7 - 10, started with C. P. R. at Dand, married Jean McColm, Deloraine in 1944, resides at Medora; family, Ronald and Vicki.

PART II (By Lavinia Russell)

I was born Lavinia Hodgson, near Carnduff, Saskatchewan and married Delbert Russell in 1935 at Alida, Saskatchewan. We moved to Whitewater, Manitoba in 1936. Then we moved to Dand in 1937, living there for 10 years where Del worked as section foreman. The next move was to the section house in Deloraine, where Del had to retire due to ill health.

In 1950 we retired in Hartney where Del passed away April 8, 1960.

Two girls were born to us. Lucy was five weeks old when we arrived at Dand and Bertha was born during our time there. Lucy married Vernon Hart, Souris, resides near Boissevain, Manitoba. Family—Connie, Andy and Jamie. Bertha married Gerald Heape, Deleau, Manitoba, resides in Kipling, Saskatchewan. He works for C. C. I. L.—one son, Ward.

O. L. RUSSELL
Written by O. L. and V. R. Russell

Orville Lowell Russell, eldest son of D. W. Russell and Lucy Russell (Fleming), was born in September, 1916 at Alida, Saskatchewan.

He attended school at Storthoaks, Saskatchewan from 1923 until 1928 and completed school at Alida from 1928 to 1933.

Orville worked at farm labor from 1933 until 1937 in Saskatchewan. Then he came to Manitoba in the fall of 1937, to the Deloraine area. He started to work for John King at Dand in November, 1938 and remained until March, 1942. At that time Orville joined the Canadian Army and spent three years overseas—returning to Dand at Christmas,

1945. (No. H-100164 - 74th Battery, 6th Anti-Tank Regiment, RCA)

February 23, 1946 we were married. I was the former Verna King, only daughter of John and Margaret King. My home was west of Dand (31-4-23) three miles—where I grew up with two younger brothers, Cameron and Gordon.

When the time came for me to attend school I stayed with my grandparents, A. J. Smiths, for three years. We were not residents of the Dand School District so I met the van there. I remember Howard Tiernan driving the van (a car) that first morning and I sat on Mabel Day's knee.

My first teacher was Miss Muriel Hedden. She spent extra time with me because of my absence due to illness part of the first year. Then came Miss Verna Code, Miss Marion Frame, Miss Wilma Sutton (Mrs. I. R. Day, Dand) and Miss Edna Anderson (Mrs. R. E. Hodgson), all of whom played a special part in our lives at Dand School. Those of our class who remained together from 1 - 11 were Beth Weidenhamer (Mrs. J. S. Barrett), Beulah (Bea) Weidenhamer (Mrs. W. L. Chapin), Winston Norton, Allan Dickie and myself. In Grade VI there were 15 of us. Bea Weidenhamer, Beth Weidenhamer, Norton Cassils, Winston Norton, Agatha Katchinoski, Allan Dickie, Clinton Whetter, John McMorris, William McMorris, Ralph Man-shreck, Russell Walmsley, Erma Tiernan, Kathleen Neely, Albert Vanhove and myself. (Found this list in an old book.)

As the years passed by and the boys joined me in attending school, our ways of travel were varied. I think I enjoyed the rides with old "Tony" and the "Bennett" cart the most, especially in the early spring and fall mornings up and down the ravines. On some occasions we rode with the van so far—walking the mile and a half home. It was a real test climbing the hill on a hot afternoon after a long day, but always a joy to arrive home to an understanding mother and father.

Going to Field Days seems to stand out in one's memory. The times we rode to Waskada or Melita in the back of Chapin's truck with our teacher, Miss Edna Anderson (now Mrs. R. E. Hodgson) along with us. Even with a flat tire on the way home, it was fun. Also Christmas concerts, which today I couldn't miss hearing the piano played by the same teacher who climbed into the truck with us.

In Grades IV to VI Miss Frame was interested in teaching us round dances. One year I was to dance, as a man, with Sheila More as my partner. When dress rehearsal came, no trousers seemed to fit. Finally I wore a pair of well-pressed dress trousers belonging to the storekeeper, Mr. Lloyd Chapin.

Youngsters today will hardly believe we had one school party as school closed each year. June 5, 1936 was one such day when Miss Wilma Sutton (Mrs. I. R. Day) planned an outing at the Souris River near Hartney. Mr. George Reynolds accompanied us, taking along his fishing rod—to no avail. We walked across the river bottom in one location that day.

Orville and I lived at my home for one year after our marriage. Then on April 22, 1947 we came to our present home, the south half of 9-5-23. The original owner who broke the land and built the buildings was the late John Hodgson. The house was built in 1893 with an addition in 1897. The barn, standing today, was built in 1910. John and Eliza Hodgson with their family of nine, farmed here until 1910. From 1910 to the fall of 1917 it was farmed by Will and Elizabeth Hodgson.

To follow from 1918 to 1924 were Billie and Mabel Godfrey and for one year following, a Miles Ryan. The spring of 1926 found Joel and Mary Briggs and family living here until their sale in the spring of 1929. From 1929 to 1946 Jim and Mary Dickie and three boys made their home where we, the King family, visited often. Purchased from D. V. A. in 1947 it has become the Russell corner, the traffic being a very notable change to me at first. We also farm the N. W. $\frac{1}{4}$ 28-4-23, former owners being A. J. Smith and Mrs. J. King (1961).

Orville is keenly interested in sports, so we plan together toward radio and TV sports. We attended the Brier Curling in Brandon on March 8, 1963.