

## THE WHEELER FAMILY

*submitted by Marianne Wheeler*

William and Olive Wheeler and their three children -- Cecil, Maud and Mona, came from Kent, England in 1907 to Portage La Prairie and in 1910 settled on the homestead in Harcus, Manitoba.

Until 1916 when Cecil went to France he had various jobs, drove butcher wagon for W. Woods, worked six months on a farm at McDonald, drove for Hall Bros. in Portage La Prairie, put up hay on homestead and threshed at Gladstone. In 1915 worked on the Dredge.

In 1919 when Cecil came back to Harcus from France, he worked on the homestead and Soldier's Grant, and on the drilling machine. He rebuilt the house and in 1924 got married to the Elkwood school teacher, Florence Elliot. They started a store and post office by the railway station and he bought and sold livestock.

In 1928 he sold out to Mrs. Minton and moved to Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, with their two children, Margaret and Elliot, to work for Oliver Implement Co.

In 1930 Florence died when Donald was born. Cecil then bought a farm at Harcus and in 1933 married Marianne Hanson and got the three children from their respective boarding places.

In 1937 our baby, Clifford Hugh, died and was buried beside the graves of Cecil's mother and father. In 1939 Kenneth Rodney was born and in 1940 Robert Cecil. Cecil's father died in the house fire on the homestead, so his mother moved to Winnipeg to live with Maud. We sold the farm in 1943 and bought the Silver Ridge store with one gas pump and a butcher shop.

Kenneth and Robert started school at Normandin with Mrs. Hogue as their teacher.

In 1949 we sold the store to Harry and Marjorie Cook, and moved to



*Elliot, Margaret, Donald.*



*Kenneth and Robert.*

Surrey, B.C. We built a couple of houses and moved to Vancouver to operate a Shell Service Station. Cecil worked with Elliot in the Gulf Station until we moved to White Rock in 1968. Cecil passed away April 27, 1970 in Longview, Washington.

## MARIE AND EDWARD WHITFORD

*told by Marie Whitford  
submitted by Marlene Hoffman*

It seems like the population of Amaranth was quite a size years ago. People have come and gone, many are deceased, today they are strangers to the new generation. Many of these inhabitants deserve recognition in some form or another. They tilled the soil and worked hard at it to achieve their goals. Today's technology has taken over and many young people do not know what it was like, nevertheless some of these old timers still exist and many have their own story to tell. Here is the history of the Whitford family (Edward and Marie).

Edward's parents were Peter and Henriette Whitford. Edward had three sisters, Lydian, Louisa and Margaret, and three brothers, Andy,

*Marie and Edward Whitford with Marlene Hoffman (nee Whitford) as a baby.*



*Maud  
Wheeler*

*Cecil and Marianne Wheeler.*

