



Willie
(age 86)

his days. They built a fine home which included a very comfortable suite for Willie. For the first time in his life he had running water and a private bathroom. He made his own breakfast and lunch, but shared his evening meal with the Milroys. They were very kind to him and made his last days very pleasant. Willie died on November 9, 1982 at age 89 years.

ANGUS & LAURA MacDONALD

Angus MacDonald ("Red Angus") was born in Glengarry County, Ontario in 1888. He came to St. Albert the following year with his parents, John Angus and Jessie (nee MacKinnon), who homesteaded in the area.

Laura MacDonald was born in Antigonish, Nova Scotia, in 1891, and came west with her cousin, Annie Maloney (nee MacDonald), in 1919 and to St. Albert in 1920. She taught school in Volmer.

Angus and Laura were married in 1921 in St. Albert. They farmed and raised their family of five in the Ray district living on the farm until Angus's death in 1965. Laura then moved to St. Albert where she passed away in 1982.

Born in 1922, their son Mark followed in his father's footsteps and farmed until 1968. He and his wife Lorraine reside in St. Albert.

Daughter Jessie, born in 1925, was married in St. Albert to Dick Wendt and now lives in Seattle, Washington. They have two children, Graham and Lorien.

Next came a second daughter, Mary, born in 1926 and married in the community to Dave Jones. To them were born five daughters: Cathy, Linda, Beverly, Terry and Barbara. They now reside in St. Albert.

Anthony (Tony), born 1928, and his wife Rose Marie (Tillie) were married in Edmonton and now live in Toronto. They have two sons: Richard and Garry, and daughter Karen.

The youngest, Donald, born in 1936, was ordained into the Franciscan Order in 1960, and now is a professor of Theology at Newman College in St. Albert.

THE EMILE CHEROT FAMILY

by Emile H. Cherot Jr.

Emile Cherot (born 1884) and Celestine Bône (born 1892), married in France in 1909 and emigrated to Canada in 1911 with the intention of taking a homestead in the Peace River area. They arrived in Winnipeg, Manitoba in June 1911 with only eight dollars left. It took them two years to replenish their funds with dad working on farms in Portage-la-Prairie and mother working as a domestic.

Arriving in Edmonton in 1913, they gave up the idea of homesteading and went to work as labourers. In 1915 they were in a position to rent a five-acre plot on 82 Street in the Cherydale district where they started gardening. By 1921 they had 45 acres in potatoes and market vegetables.

The following year dad purchased a 67 acre piece of land on the north-east corner of 137 Avenue (the Edmonton City limits) and the St. Albert Trail. A shack and barn were built during the winter of 1921-22 and in the spring of 1922, the family moved in. This farm remained in the family until it was sold in 1951.

Mother died in 1936. Dad retired in 1944, leaving the operation of the farm to his sons, Emile Jr. and Robert. In 1949, he married a widow from Vancouver, Marie Cormier. They lived in Mailardville, B.C. until 1974, then moved back to St. Albert where dad died August 1974. Marie died one week later.

The farm was sold to Dr. Bouley of Montreal. Being located within the Edmonton 'Green Belt Zone', it was left inactive for many years and is now incorporated within the Edmonton City limits.

Emile and Celestine had eight children. Emile H. was born in 1910 and married Rose Frechette from Edmonton. Left a widower in 1980, he married Elsie Wilson in 1981. Marie, born in 1913, married Steve Brandle from Vegreville in 1934. Following Steve's death, she married James Sharp, a widower from St. Albert, in 1962.

Helene was born in 1916 and married Hughes Yeudell from Edmonton in 1934. She died in Edmonton in 1962. Robert, born 1919, married Mae Thompson of the Turnip Lake district in 1940 and is now residing in Kelowna, B.C.

Leon was born in 1924. He married Marguerite Moysuk in 1944 and is now living in Edmonton. Albert, born 1926, married Mary Dickins in 1968 and is living in Edmonton. Jack was born in 1931, married Audry Johnson in 1955 and resides in Edmonton. Lorraine married Emile Morin from St. Albert in 1955 and is now living in DeWinton, south of Calgary.

There are about eighty descendants of Emile and Celestine now living.