Preface

The following pages tell the histories of those early Fathers who came to this great Red River Valley to seek the better things of life. Each family history is a unique one, because it is the history of the family that wrote it. Truly no one writes history, but all of us make history. These early people were responsible people, responsible for what happened to their lives from day to day and year to year. They came with determination and steadfastness of seeking "Life, Liberty and Pursuit of Happiness" together with religious freedom. They met their challenges! They tell of their hopes, joys, sorrows, hardships, failures and successes in a simple straightforward manner. As we print these stories we voice the hope that they may be an inspiration to the Pioneers of 1976.

"Speak we now in honour of famous men that were our fathers long ago. What high achievements the Lord has made known in them, ever since time began . . . Here were men rich in ability, noble in aim, that dwelt peacefully in their homes . . . and the sons they begot have left a memory that adds to the recital of their praise."

_Ecclesiastes Chapter 44, Verses 1-8_