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Grant horses.

a look out the window. To me it seemed like a moving sea of horses. What a beautiful sight to see! An old bay mare with a little colt running at her side were on the right hand side of the herd.

From 1920 to 1934, Jack and a friend of his by the name of Johnny Franklin, would take fifty head of broncs and the grub wagon and head out to sell horses. They broke the broncs along the way. Jack told Graham that they were draft horses and they sold them to the farmers for one hundred dollars each. They went as far east as Moose Jaw, then toward Saskatoon.

JOHN GRANT FAMILY

written by Laura Parsonage

The Grants came to Fort Macleod the fall of 1885 from Oregon, U.S.A. John was a ship's carpenter by trade. He ran a horse ranch at Fort Macleod, then moved on to Graburn, Alberta around 1896. Seemed like too many farmers were moving in for his liking so he decided to move again and came to Merryflat the year of 1906. Mr. and Mrs. Grant had two children, John (Jack) and Clara. (Mrs. Grant was a relative of the Grants so she never changed her maiden name).

Clara and Jack took their schooling in Maple Creek. Clara nursed in the Maple Creek hospital for a number of years, then returned to the ranch to live with brother, Jack.

The Grants continued to raise horses after they moved to Merryflat. They ran eight hundred head which they moved every fall to winter on the old Gow lease down near the "Old Man on his Back." The lease consisted of twenty to twenty-five sections. When moving the horses they had a special wagon along to put any little colts in which played out.

When they were moving their horses I will remember them often stopping in and having dinner at our home. My family (the Wilkes family), then lived in the Oxarat district, twenty miles north of Consul. I have one memory I shall never forget. When they moved their horses out of our yard and headed them north, I went upstairs and had



Jack Grant